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Ford condemn 'political battle' as strike becomes almost total

ord, with almost all its 57,000 ritish employees expected to be on rike by this morning, complained st night that it was at the centre a political battle over the pay policy between the unions and the Government. Despite the strike, the Government is sticking firmly to its policy, a senior minister said yesterday.

Cabinet adamant, minister says

Paul Routledge
bour Editor

The Ford Motor Company mplained last night that it s at the centre of a political ttle between the unions and e Government over incomes licy.

The allegation came from Sir rence Beckett, chairman of rd of Britain, as the comy's entire vehicles manufacing capacity ground to a halt response to shop stewards' lls for a strike against nisterial intervention in lective bargaining.

By this morning fewer than 00 of Ford's 57,000 employs in 23 plants in the United ngdom and Northern Ireland e expected to be at work. At ss meetings yesterday plants l like dominoes to the union ommendation to stop work. Mr Ronald Todd, chairman of Ford trade union side, said union negotiators, who last ek rejected a 5 per cent pay e and talks on a productiv deal, would meet again on day to discuss their next ve.

ll 15 unions are being asked make official the strikes oughout the company, and Transport and General rkers' Union, of which Mr ld is national organizer, is ost certain to do so shortly. TGWU includes 38,000 Ford kers, each of whom would eligible for £6-a-week strike

he Amalgamated Union of ineering Workers will con- r today a proposal to make strike official.

ne extension of the militant being discussed is an roach to dockers and seamen to handle Ford imports of and commercial vehicles. hat happens the company *not be able to make up lost* s if the dispute is a long

s the unions pondered ics after the rapid spread of kes to more than 48,000 kers by yesterday afternoon, Terrence said: "We now a totally unprecedented ation. All our key plants on strike over what has made into a political er than an industrial issue. We have a point-blank re- d even to examine how e money could be made ilable to employees. Instead, employees will lose income.

"We have a contract with four weeks still to run which was negotiated under the very free collective bargaining now sought. It contains a 'no-strike' clause, which has been totally disregarded. For the unions to refuse to continue talking when matters of such magnitude cry out for calm counsel is a matter for profound concern."

Last night the strike situation was:

Halewood: All 12,500 out.
Dagenham: 19,000 out, with nightshift expected to follow suit.
Basildon Tractors: All 2,878 out.
Aveley Industrial Products: All 550 out.
Belfast Carburettor Plant: All 1,150 out.
Croydon: 320 out.
Daventry Parts Headquarters: 1,289 out.
Enfield Electrical Components: All 1,579 out.
Langley Trucks: All 2,031 out.
Leamington: All 1,173 out.
Southampton Commercial Vehicles: 2,100 out, with 2,000 expected to follow after nightshift meeting.
Swansea Transmissions and Axles: All 2,170 out.

Only small plants, such as Basildon Radiators and the *Woolwich* parts machining centre, which do not produce vehicles, were not on strike.

Mr Todd repeated last night that the unions would not resume negotiations until they had an assurance from Ford that the company was prepared to bargain "in a fully collective bargaining environment".

That point was taken up by Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the TGWU, who will be attending next week's Labour Party conference in Blackpool. He denied that it was hypocritical to support the Labour Party while denying the Government support for a central plank of its economic policy.

"I am an individual member of the Labour Party and I persuaded our executive, who needed little persuasion, to give the Labour Party up to £150,000 to help it in the general election campaign", he said. But the TGWU believed it was right to disagree with the Cabinet over incomes policy.

His union had decided to return to free collective bargaining, and that decision was right. "I am going to stick to it and if the consequences are such that the Government is going to suffer, well, so be it", he added.

As he arrived at Transport House yesterday morning, Mr Evans, who led the union side during the long Ford strike of 1971, said: "We told the Government and Cabinet ministers before they drew up their White Paper that the TGWU was not in a position to acquiesce in any rigid government pay policy. They knew that right from the beginning and we are still not in a position to acquiesce.

"The Ford Motor Company and the unions concerned should bargain fairly and freely, and when a settlement is arrived at, and there is a threat of the Government imposing sanctions upon the company, approaches will be made."

Our Labour Staff writes: Vauxhall is expected to indicate a pay offer to its 26,500 hourly paid workers at talks opening today. The unions' claim, aimed at an agreement to run from September 19, includes a demand for a big pay increase.

Our Political Reporter writes: The Government is determined to stick to its 5 per cent guideline and that view was voiced strongly by Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in a BBC radio interview yesterday.

"My message [to the Ford workers] would be that it would not help them and certainly not the country if they were to have an all-out strike, whether they win or lose", he said on *The World at One*.

"As far as the Government is concerned we are determined, not out of any particular pig-headedness but because we know it is in the interest of *the country, the Ford workers,* and every other worker, that we should not get back to the kind of price inflation that we had all too recently. I can assure you, the Ford workers, and everybody else there is no question about it; the Government intend to stand firm; because we believe it is right."

The Prime Minister and his colleagues are expected to discuss the matter when the Cabinet meets on Thursday.

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At least 140 die in worst American air accident

San Diego, California, Sept 25.—A Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 with at least 136 people on board collided in flight with a two-seater Cessna carrying two people at 9.30 am today and plunged in flames into a residential area here in the worst air crash in American history.

Everyone on the jet as well as a student pilot flying the Cessna, his instructor, and at least two people on the ground were reported killed. Eighty others on the ground were injured.

The death toll of at least 140 was worse than that in the 1960 collision of two commercial aircraft over New York when 128 people on the aircraft and six on the ground were killed.

The worst air disaster in history occurred in March, 1977, at Tenerife in the Canary Islands, when two Jumbo jets collided on the runway, killing 582.

The PSA jet, Flight 182 from Sacramento to Los Angeles and San Diego, was on its landing approach when it collided with the Cessna at an altitude of 3,000ft, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

"I saw the jet plane . . . it was smoking on the right side", Mr Phil Hopkins, an eyewitness, told reporters. "The right inboard engine was burning and it exploded into a fireball . . . and spiralled to the ground."

Another eyewitness, Mrs Louella Saunders, said she heard three explosions and saw the aircraft coming down. She also saw a body falling on the house of a neighbour.

A Navy flight surgeon who saw the collision said: "They hit head-on.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Washington said the airliner crashed after the crew alerted ground controllers to the fact that it was in trouble.

"The pilot called the tower and said he was going down", an FAA spokesman said. "He was seen almost simultaneously going down in flames."

The airline said the Boeing had 129 passengers and a crew of seven aboard, but that there possibly were more because 11 seats were available for employees.

The Cessna was not immediately located. There was no word of any survivors.—UPI, Reuter and AP.



Debris from the crashed airliner and burnt homes after wreckage tore a swathe of fire through an area of San Diego,

Mr Carter pledges to keep dollar sound

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Sept 25.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, has told finance ministers here confidentially that he expects the American balance of payments deficit to fall by 30 to 40 per cent next year. At the same time Mr William Miller, the chairman of the Federal Reserve System, said he expected measures already taken by the Fed will slow significantly the growth rate of the United States money supply.

President Carter told the opening session of the joint *annual meetings of the World* Bank and the International Monetary Fund that he recognizes his reputation as a leader is at stake if the United States fails to reduce its energy imports and curb inflation. "I am determined to maintain a sound dollar", he said.

President Carter declared he supported the basic aims of the European Monetary System concept. He expressed confidence that the system would be so arranged as to strengthen the global economy and the European community anti-inflation measures he is to announce soon. Mr Carter said they "will be specific and important and tough" and that more will be taken if needed. His aim today was to reiterate American determination to take steps to strengthen the world economy, and he specifically noted United States support for a stronger International Monetary Fund.

He was confident the United States would be seen as fully shouldering the responsibilities arising from the dollar's central role in the monetary system.

According to informed sources, Mr Blumenthal now believes the United States current account deficit next year might fall to around $13,000m, against an estimated total this year of between $18,000m and $20,000m.

Mr Miller told *The Times* he was confident that policies adopted by the Fed eventually would be reflected in the supply figure. He refused to predict when the measures would show through.

Dr Otmar Emminger, the West German Central Bank's president, supported Mr Blumenthal's balance-of-payments forecast and noted that capital flows to the United States may rise in coming months as a result of high *interest rates here. The First* National Bank of Chicago today increased its prime lending rate from 9¾ per cent to 9¾ per cent and most other banks are likely to follow.

Dr Emminger said there was quite clear agreement among central bankers and finance ministers at this meeting that the underlying trend of the world economy is improving.

He said there might be some slowing of the United States growth rate, but this would be more than offset by increases by West Germany and Japan.

Forecasts inside the International Monetary Fund suggest a 3.5 per cent real rate of economic growth in the United States next year. Dr Emminger said he was now highly confident of a 3 per cent real rise in West German gnp this year, which implies an annual growth rate of 3.5 per cent for the second half of 1978.

Dr. Emminger refused to make a prediction about the course of the dollar, stressing that the most critical factor was the outlook for United States inflation; he would make up his mind once the Carter Administration had announced its new measures. However, he said the trend of the United States trade balance was now improving.

American officials note that a new export promotion programme may also provide some benefit to the dollar. The programme will be announced by President Carter tomorrow. Sources say it will include a $500m rise in the lending Bank.

The United States Treasury's balance of payments forecast for next year is largely based on the expectation that exchange rate changes over the last 18 months will produce a substantial rise next year in American exports, while the dampening effect of these changes on United States imports will be strengthened by the declining United States economic growth rate.

Dollar slumps: In Europe the dollar slumped against most most currencies yesterday, closing at record lows against the Swiss franc and Deutsche mark of Swfr1.491 and DM1.942. In reaction, the gold price soared by $5 an ounce to a new peak of $219.875 an ounce in London.

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Begin plea to Knesset to remove settlers

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Sept 25

Speaking against constant heckling from parliamentarians who were once among his most ardent supporters, Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, today called on the Knesset to endorse the Camp David accords and, if necessary, the dismantling of the Jewish settlements in Sinai.

He was opening a debate which is expected to end later this week with an overwhelming majority in favour of the peace proposals and the removal of the settlements. Although it is critical of the Government's handling of the negotiations, the Opposition Labour Party has announced its intention to vote in favour of the agreements.

At the opening of the debate, the Speaker was forced to adjourn the proceedings for five minutes because of the repeated interruptions which were led by Mr Begin's most vociferous opponent, Mrs Guela Cohen, who was at one time a spokeswoman for his underground Irgun movement.

Eventually, proclaiming her disrespect for the Prime Minister, whom she said was bringing about the repartition of the land of Israel, Mrs Cohen was ordered from the Chamber.

Outside the Knesset, behind *police barriers, several hundred* demonstrators displayed similar opinions.

In his address, Mr Begin said that it was with "a sorrowful and painful heart but with a quiet conscience" that he recommended acceptance of the agreements. The dismantling of the settlements was, he said, part of the price for peace with Egypt.

He emphasized that what was involved was a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt with all that entailed, not a partial *settlement that left the state* of war intact.

Mr Begin said the West Bank framework agreement was based on the autonomy plan he presented first in December. He emphasized that three things had been prevented by the Camp David agreements: There would be no referendum among the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza Strip; no Palestinian state under any circumstances; and no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Asked by a Labour Member to clarify a point, the Prime Minister said that if PLO supporters were elected to the West Bank self-governing body, he would accept them as long as they did not try to undertake terrorist activities.

On the subject of Jerusalem, Mr Begin disclosed that he had threatened not to sign anything at Camp David if President Sadat of Egypt sent him a letter containing demands about the city's status. The Prime Minister declared once again that a united Jerusalem would remain the capital of Israel for ever.

He said that President Sadat had agreed that existing Israeli *settlements on the West Bank* could be enlarged with more settlers during the negotiations.

Regarding the freeze on establishing new settlements, Mr Begin said that because of the misunderstanding with the United States over the period of time involved, he had checked with his Israeli colleagues at the talks and was now sure that the freeze

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Two more policemen die in Spain

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Sept 25

Suspected Basque separatists shot two policemen dead in a market in San Sebastian today.

It was the thirty-fourth terrorist attack on police forces in the Basque country since the beginning of the year and the second in two days.

The victims today, members of the paramilitary Civil Guard, were on kitchen duty. They were shot down as they made the daily purchase of fruits and vegetables for their barracks.

A gang of four men, armed with pistols and at least one machine-gun, fired 38 shots at the two Civil Guards, then walked past shocked and frightened shoppers to make their getaway in a taxi which they commandeered at gunpoint.

Later a brief gun battle broke out in San Sebastian between police and suspected members of the separatist Basque organization ETA.

The Civil Guards were murdered as the Spanish Senate prepared to meet in Madrid to discuss the proposed new constitution.

By-election may be next month

The Government is expected soon to move the writ for a by-election on October 26 in Berwick and East Lothian after the death of Mr John Mackintosh (Labour) whose majority was 2,740 in October, 1974.

No date has been fixed for a by-election at Pontefract and Castleford caused by the death of Mr Joseph Harper (Labour majority 23,242).

Belfast workers reject 5% pay offer by James Mackie

m Christopher Walker
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Attempts by James Mackie, large, privately owned engineering company, to keep y rises within the Government's 5 per cent guidelines re flatly rejected yesterday a meeting of 2,000 workers *its plant in west* Belfast.

Now the company finds itself the centre of a public conversy on pay policy for the ond time in 12 months. Last ar it was blacklisted by the vernment and subjected to ictions for breaking Phase ee and paying an average ge increase of 22 per cent.

This year the company, ich is noted for its financial recy, changed its tactics and isted on sticking to the se Four limit of 5 per cent. ar rise, with small productiy payments, was included in last month's wage packets, although the offer had been rejected by all six unions involved in negotiations.

The work force has now issued an ultimatum of industrial action if the company refuses to break the 5 per cent limit and add bonus payments.

It is understood that two big orders may be affected by a strike or by renewed government sanctions. Last year's sanctions involved the withdrawal of export credit guarantees for a £5m textile machinery order intended for Vietnam.

Speaking after yesterday's meeting, Mr Robert Davison, an organizer for the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "If orders are going to be jeopardized by going after the bonus scheme, that will have to be. We did not want any rows with the Government this year, but the workers want more money."

According to officials present at yesterday's meeting, the mood of militancy was so intense that many workers wanted to break the two-months written moratorium that covers disputes over bonus payments.

Founded in 1874, Mackie's is one of Britain's biggest privately owned companies. Its management makes much of refusing to discuss any aspects of its business affairs.

It has never commented on the effectiveness of the sanctions imposed last year and as yet there is no sign how it will react to the new threat from a work force that says its wages are much lower than those paid in comparable companies in other parts of Belfast.

Sentences cut for 3 directors

Jail sentences for corruption passed on three directors of C. Bryant and Son Ltd, the Midlands construction company, were cut by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday, and a £425,000 fine on the company was reduced to £255,000.

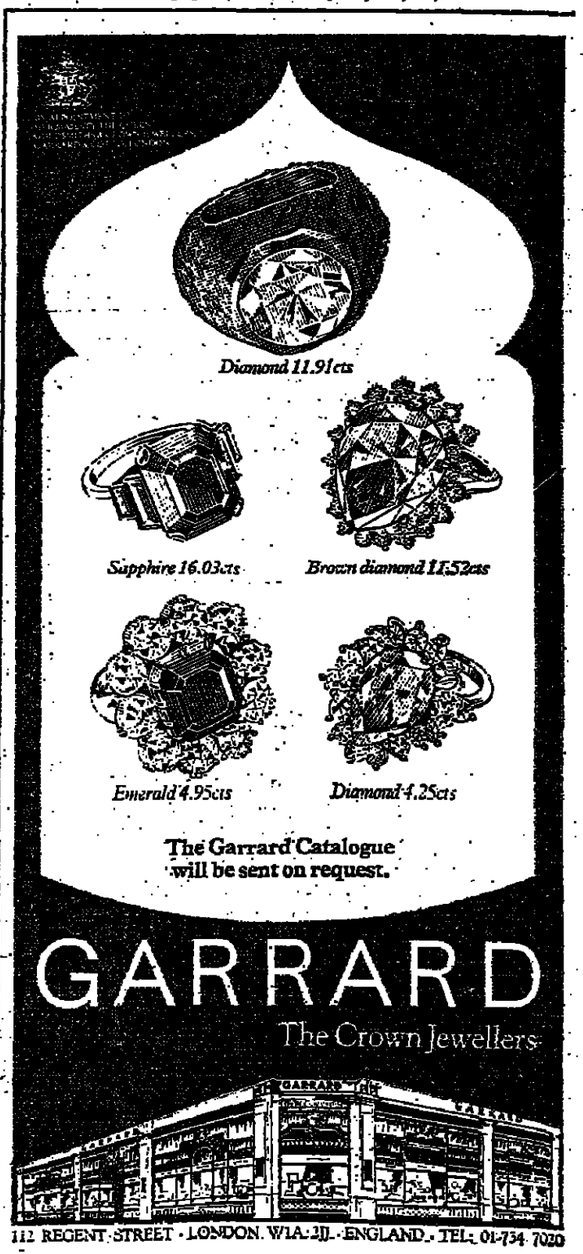
Lord Justice Lawton said there was a disparity between the directors' sentences, of from three to five years, and sentences of two-and-a-half years passed on a former Birmingham city architect, Mr Alan Maudsley, a "greedy and rapacious" man who accepted gifts from Bryants.

Maurice Thomas Barwick, aged 52, of Church Lane, Lapworth, Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, a former managing director of the firm, had his five-year sentence reduced to two-and-a-half years. A four-year sentence on Raymond Peter Samuels, aged 51, of Pernalls Road, Knowle, Solihull, was reduced to 12 months, and the court substituted for the three-year sentence on Ernest Oliver Hubball, aged 45, of Beacon Road, Loughborough, a sentence enabling him to be released today.

The sentences were imposed by Mr Justice Melford Stevenson at the Central Criminal Court in April after Mr Barwick pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to corrupt and 11 counts of corruption, Mr Samuels to four counts of corruption, and Mr Hubball to 13 counts of corruption.

The company pleaded guilty to 17 corruption counts.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Mr Justice Lawson and Mr Justice Boreham, said the court did not know why Mr Maudsley, who had been described by counsel as having "an itching palm", received such a lenient sentence. In the light of that sentence the public might think that something had gone wrong with justice if the directors' sentences were not reduced.



Rhodesia war may soon be 'unstoppable'

David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, given a warning that if a conference Rhodesia is not held soon "the mentum of the armed forces, particuy the Patriotic Front, will be toppable". Speaking as he left ndon for New York, where he is address the *United Nations General* embly, Dr Owen would not confirm t any date had been arranged for s Page 7

ish policy attacked

John Silkin, the British Minister of riculture, accused other EEC mber-states of being interested only keeping British fish stocks open to ir fishermen as long as the fish lasts. was speaking after a meeting of agriculture ministers at which he ed a number of proposals Page 6

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ns to give the advertising industry's e of conduct the force of law were ounced by Mr Roy Hattersley, retary of State for Prices and sumer Protection. He also suggested ther measures for controlling and iting advertising used to blunt mmercial competition Page 19

Young people want return of hanging

Young people are in favour of a harder line with vandals and booligans and 64 per cent of them want hanging reintroduced for all murders, according to a survey published by National Opinion Polls. Page 6

Computer threat

Essential government services may be threatened because of the number of computer staff leaving the Civil *Service for private industry*, where salaries are higher. A pay claim has been presented but it clearly breaches the 12-month rule Page 6

Teachers obdurate

Teachers in Coventry have gained the support of the National Union of Teachers for their refusal to cooperate with the Conservative-controlled city council's plan to test all pupils in basic skills at the ages of 12 and 14. The union regards the scheme as harmful to the interests of the pupils Page 2

Agents 'not frank'

The Crown Agents tribunal was told that the attitude of the agents towards exchange control was at best one of haphazard compliance with regulations and at worst involved an element of duplicity towards the Bank of England. They had not been "open and frank" Page 4

'Life' magazine is revived

Life magazine is back on the news stands in New York for the first time since 1972 when the famous title ceased publication after 40 years. The new monthly will contain the successful formula of depicting world events with photographs and the more modern gossip features Page 8

Discontent in France

The by-election defeat of M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, leader of France's Radical Party, and the difficulties facing the Gaullist candidate in a Paris by-election provide evidence of growing discontent with the rising level of unemployment and the French Government's austerity programme introduced after the March general election Page 6

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HOME NEWS

Teachers gain backing of NUT in refusal to test basic skills

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

The National Union of Teachers is backing a decision by teachers in Coventry to refuse to cooperate with council plans to test all pupils in basic skills at the ages of 12 and 14.

The announcement yesterday by the union, the largest of the teachers' organizations, comes after its condemnation of the misuse of examination results. It may have widespread implications for schools in other local authority areas where "blanket" testing of various age groups is taking place.

The union regards the Coventry plans as educationally unsound and harmful to the interests of pupils and their parents. It deplores the failure of Coventry City Council, which is Conservative-controlled, to consult its teachers properly before attempting to introduce "sweeping and ill considered policies".

Their implementation would involve spending money that could be better spent on employing more staff and providing more resources in schools, it says. Parents, it adds, would share the teachers' concern at the loss of teaching, preparation and marking time that would ensue if entire age groups in secondary schools were to be tested.

The introduction of tests for all secondary pupils at the end of the first year would be regressive in that it would reintroduce and 11-plus approach into the comprehensive system in Coventry and would inevitably lead to enormous pressures to teach "to the test".

The introduction of tests of competence in basic skills at the end of the third year would irrevocably damage the education of pupils by reinforcing the sense of failure in those who needed most help and encouragement.

Both schemes would inevitably lead to a levelling down of aims, and neither would improve the education provided in any way, the union says.

It is also opposed to the council's plans to involve employers in test and curriculum planning. That would distort the curriculum in the interests of local employers, it says.

The union had repeatedly stated its opposition to an externally determined curriculum and to the universal testing of children at particular stages of their education, locally or nationally.

It says that it is supported in its opposition to "blanket" testing by the National Foundation for Educational Research, the Government's Assessment of Performance Unit, and the Secretary of State herself, all of whom had identified the harm in over-testing unreliable tests, the "backwash" effect that testing has on the curriculum, and undue expense.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the union, said "The Coventry teachers have the full support of the NUT nationally. We will not cooperate in the implementation of this scheme. We hope that Coventry will withdraw its plan. If not, we may have to take steps to make it do so."

The union's action committee and the Coventry Teachers' Association are considering whether to take immediate industrial action, and in what form, to prevent the implementation of the council proposals.

Suddenly the Dagenham canteen was thick with a forest of raised arms

It took 16 minutes to bring Ford plant to a standstill

By Alan Hamilton

A grey Monday morning dragged itself reluctantly over the unlovely horizon of Dagenham, as though unwilling to face the tedious grind of another working week. A nippy breeze from the Essex marshes perfumed the air with a hint of acrylic paint, and a light drizzle acted like a fire sprinkler on any smouldering enthusiasm for the day.

The eight o'clock day shift poured into the Ford body plant on foot, cycle, and discount Cortina, to be greeted with a notice on the gates announcing an immediate mass meeting. No one was in any doubt about its purpose.

Inside the gates two thousand body plant manual workers from all unions jostled and pushed their way into the huge, gaunt factory canteen, a restaurant with all the charm and intimacy of an aircraft hangar. The air, such as there was, was redolent of militancy.

In the far distance six shop stewards mounted a bare stage furnished only with table and loudhailer. Mr Charles Gill, a shop steward of the Transport and General Workers' Union, called with modest success for order, and invited Mr Daniel Connor, another steward and member of the Ford union negotiating team, to report the outcome of the pay talks.

Mr Connor, speaking at a gallop and too loudly for the loudhailer, sped through the company's rejection of the main points of the pay claim: £20 a week rises, a 35-hour week, and various improved working conditions. He reported faithfully what everyone knew, that the company's offer was a mere 5 per cent, in line with government policy.

"Last year Ford made profits of £236m, and this year they are going to make profits of more than £300m. We want some of that money. This claim is based entirely on the prosperity of the Ford Motor Company and its ability to pay", Mr Connor said.

"If we accept 5 per cent this year when inflation is at 8 per cent, what will happen next year when inflation is at 12 per cent? We will soon be facing legislation for a cut in wages."

Mr Connor went on to report that there had been "a cessation of production" at several Ford plants immediately the pay talks ended on Friday.

Assuming there was a vote for a stoppage in the body plant, he said, "We will stop everybody working on this site. We will get the outside contractors off the premises. We will get the security guards off the gates and take them over ourselves".

His last remark raised a loud and good-natured cheer from multitude, and he retreated to a solid round of applause.

Mr Gill repossessed the loudhailer. "We will put it to the vote right away. Now let us have a straight vote, a good clean vote. You all understand what this means, don't you? It means you are on strike from today. Everybody understand that? Right, all those in favour."

The cavernous canteen was suddenly thick with a forest of arms, white, brown and ebony. The platform party was momentarily obscured by the lush growth of ayes, and a buzz of approval washed across the room.

"Right, hands down. Nobody keep their hands up", Mr Gill ordered. "Any against?" There were all of a dozen; all eyes turned on them and they were roundly booed by the majority.

The loudhailer was handed to Mr Sidney Harraway, chairman of the Ford shop stewards, but his remarks on pickering and other organizational technicalities of industrial inaction were lost in the stampede for the doors. It had taken 16 minutes to halt the Ford body plant.

"That's it, then", one man after another said as they fought their way out for fresh air. Their vague tone might have suggested that it had all happened above their heads.

Outside, half of them made an Olympic dash for the car park and the bus stops, while others hung loosely around the gates, as if thinking it unwise to return to busy wives at 8.30 in the morning.

"What do we do now?", one asked of another.

"Down the social security, innit?" was the reply born of experience.

"Right", said the first. "Are they open yet?"

"Not yet, stupid", the seasoned one said. "You get paid this week."



Workers from the Ford body plant leaving the factory after yesterday's strike vote at Dagenham.

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Sports bod seeks £12n rise from Governme

The Sports Council is the Government for an in of £12m over this year's l of £15m to develop sp Britain in 1979-80. The o 1978-79 grant was £12.2r a further £3m was add special projects, includir development of faciliti Football League grounds.

For the first time the c in a change of policy, is for what it thinks the c needs rather than keepi total amount within gover long-term expenditure casts.

Mr R. E. G. (Dickie) chairman of the council yesterday: "Sport still not get a fair share national economic cake must step up our effo ensure that everybody l equal chance to take p they want to."

The council also wants interest-free loans or a sum grant at the start of ing work.

Among main items i council's proposed budg £27,250,000 are: major ties (£10.5m); ethnic and socially deprived (£2m); football and the munity (£1m); voluntar grants and loans (£1. prototype schemes (£25

Football supporter is jailed

Robert Lowe, a Tott Hotspur football supporte jailed for a year last nigh a court heard how he str with policemen and a dog at the weekend.

Mr Lowe, aged 21, of borough Road, Kilburn don, admitted assaultin policemen and using th ing behaviour.

Inspector John Brya magistrates at Newcastle Lyme, Staffordshire, t group of Spurs supporter drinking in a public ho Keele, Staffordshire their London-bound coa broken down on its wa from the game against chester City.

Trouble was caused hoax when a youth ran i bar shouting that a Spu porter had been stabbed. were called and Mr Lowe punches at them and ki police dog, which bi several times.

Needs of women 'ignored'

By a Staff Reporter

The Government has been accused of almost totally ignoring the needs of women in its discussion paper, *Higher Education into the 1990s*. The Equal Opportunities Commission said in its response yesterday that the paper did not recognize the rapid increase in demand from women for higher education.

The commission questioned the fundamental assumption on which the document was based, that provision should be designed chiefly to meet the needs of academically inclined male teenagers. It contended that previous patterns of entry and provision needed to be radically reviewed.

Women often failed to take advantage of higher education opportunities at 18 because of parental attitudes.

"It must be realized that women's domestic responsibilities make long periods of continuous study impracticable, so the Department of Education and Science should give consideration to the expansion of part-time courses, and modular and part-course credit systems, where credits could be transferred between disciplines and between establishments.

"Higher education establishments should look carefully at their child-care facilities, at how they tell the public about educational opportunities available, and about the possibility of providing preparatory courses for those mature students without the conventional qualifications", it said.

The only proposal in the Government's document which the commission thought should be given serious consideration was one that urged that more educational resources be given to those already in employment and that priority might be given to those who missed educational opportunities at 18. It rejected four other proposals

DES/SED Discussion Document: Higher Education into the 1990s (Equal Opportunities Commission, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN).

£16,000 fine on Spanish skipper

A solicitor denied yesterday that the Spanish Government was paying the fines of trawler skippers caught poaching inside the EEC's 200-mile limit.

The denial came from Mr Robert Leese, defending Mr Juan Zubicaray, who was fined £16,000 with £150 costs by magistrates at Plymouth after admitting fishing 38 miles inside British waters.

His vessel, the Cheymaypa, was detained by the patrol boat, HMS Guernsey, off Trevose Head on Friday.

Mr Leese said there was a rumour that Spain ran a fund for skippers caught within the limit fishing without a licence. That was not so. Mr Zubicaray and his three partners would have to raise the fine themselves or forfeit their £250,000 vessel to the court's bailiffs.

Last night Mr Zubicaray, his trawler and his 15-man crew were still in Plymouth waiting for the money to be raised in Spain.

Police presence at marches cost £400,000

By Robert Parker

The big police coverage in London on Sunday of marches by the National Front, the Anti Nazi League and two other groups cost the taxpayer £400,000 and severely stretched police resources.

The operation was the biggest so far this year, bigger even than the one at the Notting Hill Carnival in August. In all, just over 6,000 men were involved. That was more than a quarter of the entire police force of 22,000, and more than four-fifths of the 7,500 police who are likely to be on duty in London during any one day.

Because of that, many areas of London did not receive the level of policing they would have done normally. Not only were there fewer men around, but many men who should have been on leave on Sunday would have arrived for duty yesterday feeling tired.

The police are pleased with the way things went on Sunday. What many people feared would degenerate into street violence passed off peacefully.

But the police feel that the peace was achieved only at great cost, to themselves in terms of stretched resources and to the taxpayer. "It is all a question of what value you put on freedom and democracy", a senior Scotland Yard officer said.

Policemen, most of them on leave on Sunday, were ferried by coaches from nearly all the Metropolitan force's 24 divisions. In addition, there were helicopter patrols, dozens of police on motor cycles, and scores of mounted men. There were also men from the Special Branch and CID on duty.

Applying the cost yardstick normally used for the cost of a policeman to be hired by a football club, the total cost of pay alone for junior ranks was about £335,000. That does not include the cost of men above sergeant level, of machines, food, and all the other requirements that the deployment of so many men involves. There was also a contingent from the City Police. The final cost of the operation will be about £400,000.

The chief issue for the police on Sunday was the National Front march into the East End. Although there were only about 2,000 people on that march, there were more police there than for the Anti Nazi League march to Brixton, where tens of thousands of people arrived. That was because the police feared violence in clashes between the Front and opponents who had promised to gather in the East End.

As well as those two marches the police also had to contend with a TUC march for pensioners, which passed close to the National Front procession and with a march in the East End by the National Union of Public Employees about pay.

Many of the men called in from outside were on leave. Some of them had been working on Saturday at football matches. Many of them would have worked on Bank holiday at Notting Hill.

According to the senior officer, the increasingly frequent calls on policemen, and the dangers that are often associated with the occasion can have a bad effect on morale.

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Tory plan to tax short-term unemployment benefits

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Conservative shadow ministers are considering plans to tax short-term unemployment benefit. The plans could be implemented by a future Tory government.

Sir Keith Joseph, the opposition spokesman on industry said at a conference of Conservative women in Manchester yesterday that the difference between taxed income and untaxed benefits was so small that "it is a miracle that so many millions of people go to work every day". The Conservatives were examining proposals to tax short-term unemployment benefits, he said, and the Government was also considering that.

The Tory plan is believed to arise from its proposed tax credit scheme. Unemployment and sickness benefits were taxed when the national insurance scheme was introduced in 1948, but were later made non-taxable because of the difficulty of applying PAYE.

The tax credit system would remove such an obstacle and short-term benefits could be put on the same footing as retirement pensions. That would help to restore the incentive to work and increase government revenue by about £300m a year.

Sir Keith did not give such details in his speech, but he told his audience: "We think we have a way to catch short-term benefits without an enormous increase in the number of civil servants."

A Conservative government would cut direct taxation and give people more freedom to decide what they wanted to do with their money, he said. Public spending would be reduced by pruning "bloated bureaucracy", but that would not affect the National Health Service, pensioners, or disabled people.

Merchant Na officers accep 10 pc increase

By Our Labour Staff

A 10 per cent pay agre for 44,000 Merchant N officers and cadets from ember 1 is to be submitt the Department of Employ for approval. Management unions agreed yesterday the settlement should be garded as of Phase Three nor subject to the Governm new 5 per cent limit.

The officers, whose last a ment was in Jun e1977, not yet had a settlement Phase Three guidelines year the anniversary dat been changed from June July 31.

Why Buckingham Palace is not open to visitors

Buckingham Palace yesterday rejected a suggestion by Lord Amulree that the state apartments at the palace should be opened to visitors when the Queen is not in residence.

"The possibilities have been examined over the years but a number of practical difficulties are involved", a statement said.

Lord Amulree was Liberal chief whip in the House of Lords for twenty years. Recalling his pleasure at visiting the state apartment, he suggested in a letter in *The Times* yesterday that members of the public and visitors to London should be allowed to see them. The cost of security and cleaning could be covered by charging a substantial admission fee.

Buckingham Palace said the palace was the Queen's official residence and her official office. "It was felt for these and a large number of other reasons that it (visiting) was not possible."

The layout of the palace would make it difficult for visitors to see the state apartments without disturbing the household staff. Recruiting staff to show visitors round for a very few weeks a year and security would pose difficulties.

When the Queen is away redecoration and maintenance work are carried out. Members of the Royal Family also frequently stay at the palace when official engagements make an overnight stop in London necessary.

Judge rejects plea to ban screening of jurors

By Craig Seton

A defence application for a ruling against the proposed security screening of potential jurors in the new Official Secrets Act trial, which is to start next Tuesday, was rejected at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

The application arose after disclosures at the start of the first trial, which was abandoned last week after 10 days, that 82 people named on the jury panel from which the 12 jurors were selected had been screened by the security services for their potential "loyalty" or otherwise. At the time the prosecution said some evidence the jury would hear had to remain secret.

At yesterday's hearing, called to fix another date for the new trial because of the illness of Mr Justice Willis, defence counsel expressed their concern again about the screening of jurors and asked for more information about the criteria the Crown would use to decide on the potential loyalty or disloyalty of prospective jurors.

Mr Michael Mansfield, for the defence of John Berry, one of the three defendants facing charges under the Official Secrets Act, said he understood there would be a new panel of potential jurors for the new trial. He asked for a ruling that there would be no screening.

He said it was contrary to court practice for potential jurors to be barrtd from serving on the grounds of race, religion, political belief or occupation, and they should be chosen at random.

The application was rejected by Judge Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, who presided over yesterday's brief hearing.

Mr Jeffrey Robertson, another defence counsel, told the recorder that the resources available to the prosecution and defence for the screening of potential jurors were unequal. He asked whether the Crown was willing to make available to defence counsel the results of any screening of potential jurors and what criteria and methods were used; whether it was a check of records or other forms of surveillance, such as telephone tapping.

Refusing the application, the recorder said: "I have no idea what use either the Crown or the accused make of the information provided in the jury list and I decline to impose any fetter at all in advance on what use is made of the information."

Criticism of the screening procedure came from two quarters yesterday. The Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, in a letter to Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, said it was concerned that official secrecy appeared to have shrouded the criminal process itself.

Mr Joe Jacob, a lecturer in law at the London School of Economics and prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Beestog, Nottinghamshire, said in a letter to Mr Silkin that the element of secrecy in defining the criteria for screening made such a method of choosing a jury unacceptable.

Interview on death

The police were interviewing a man yesterday about the death of Mr Michael Fermine, aged 26, of Forewych Road, Cricklewood, north London, a civil servant, who was found mortally injured near his home on Saturday.

Pony slaughtered

The pony that was "rustled" by a girl to save it from slaughter was killed nine days ago, it was disclosed yesterday.

Animal-lovers had promised £1,000 to save the filly, which was taken from Exeter market, from the knacker's yard.

Union official protests at hospital inquiry

Mr Bernard Morgan, branch secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees at Tooting Bec Hospital, in London, protested yesterday about the handling of an inquiry into the stabbing of a mental hospital ward sister. He interrupted the opening day of the public inquiry there to hand in a letter of complaint.

The inquiry is being held because of the death of Miss Elizabeth Carlson, aged 34, in May.

After the hearing Mr Morgan said: "You would never think anyone had died at Tooting Bec. The inquiry is now so broadly based that the real issues of establishing how Miss Carlson died, and if such an incident can be prevented in future, have been lost."

The union was told that the inquiry would be private so that those important issues could be discussed fully. "I was amazed to find that this decision has been changed", Mr Morgan said.

He was concerned that the terms of reference included security measures for patients and staff throughout the health district, covering much of South London.

At the time of the stabbing the union called for a public inquiry but was told it was not possible because a man had been charged. He is due to appear at the Central Criminal Court next week.

The inquiry continues today.

Inquiry into Scott tapes

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Several people have been interviewed by Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad in an investigation into the reported theft of documents and tape recordings from a witness in the Norman Scott affair.

The Yard said that no one had been charged.

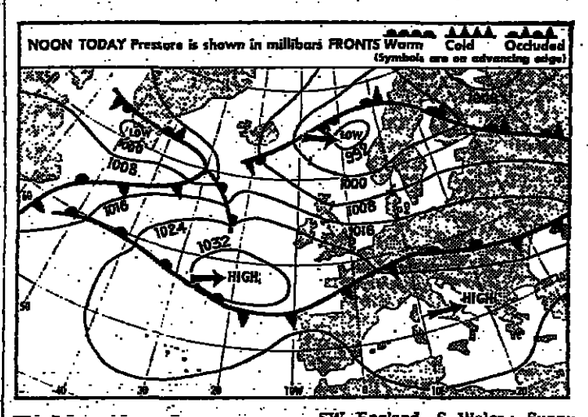
On September 9 Mr Andrew Newton, a former pilot, reported to the police that papers and tape recordings concerned with the Scott affair were missing from his lodgings in Abinger Road, Chiswick, west London.

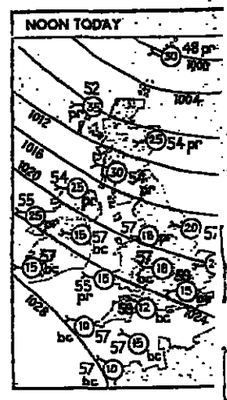
Yesterday Mr Boerries Gallasch, London correspondent of *Der Spiegel*, the West German magazine, denied that the matter was connected with publication on September 11 of an article on the affair. Mr Gallasch, who wrote the article, said there was no question of the magazine being investigated by the police.

The article included an interview with Mr Newton, and a reproduction of part of the statement he gave to Avon and Somerset police. Mr Gallasch said the material was given to him by Mr Newton.

The article covers information which is likely to be made public at the trial of Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, and three other men charged with conspiracy to murder Mr Scott.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.52 am Sun sets: 6.31 pm
Moon rises: 12.45 am Moon sets: 4.7 pm
New Moon: October 2.
Lighting up: 7.21 pm to 6.24 am.
High water: London Bridge, 9.26 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 10.14 pm, 5.7m (18.6ft). Avonmouth, 2.21 am, 9.2m (30.1ft); 2.55 pm, 9.4m (30.7ft). Dover, 7.11 am, 5.1m (16.7ft); 7.57 pm, 5.1m (16.7ft). Hull, 1.27 am, 5.5m (18.0ft); 2.27 pm, 5.4m (17.8ft). Liverpool, 7.20 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 7.56 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft).

A showery NW airstream covers most parts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Midlands: Mostly dry, sunny intervals; wind W, light, veering NW, moderate; max temp 13° to 16°C (59° to 61°F).

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Sunny intervals, showers, occasionally heavy; wind W, moderate, veering NW, fresh or strong; max temp 13° to 14°C (55° to 57°F).

Channel Islands: Rain at first, then mostly dry with sunny spells; wind variable, light, becoming NW, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind W, moderate, veering NW, fresh; max temp 15° to 16°C (59° to 61°F).

N Wales, NW, central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Showers, heavy at times, sunny intervals; wind W, veering NW, strong, gale in exposed places; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Morey Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney: Showers, heavy at times, sunny intervals; wind W, veering NW, strong, gale in exposed places; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Shetland: Showers, heavy at times, sunny intervals; wind W, veering NW, strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Cloudy at times with occasional rain in W; sunny intervals with showers in E.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W or NW, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind mainly NW, light or moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel: Wind NW, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong or gale; sea rough or very rough.

b—blue sky; bc—half cloud (clear); c—overcast; f—fog; d—hail; m—mist; r—rain; t—thunderstorm; p—shower; periodical rain with snow.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 7 7 pm, 19°C (66°F); min to 7 am, 15°C (59°F). H 7 pm, 50 per cent. Rain, 7 pm, a trace. Sun, 24 hr t 4.5hr. Bar. mean sea level 1,024.1 millibars, rising. 1.000 millibars=29.53in.

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24 hr to 6 pm, Septembe

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F
E COAST				
Scarborough	8.5	.03	17	63
Bridlington	8.6	.02	16	61
Gorleston	5.0	—	17	63
Clacton	4.0	—	19	66
S COAST				
Hastings	7.2	—	18	64
Eastbourne	6.5	—	19	66
Brighton	6.3	—	19	66
Bognor	4.5	—	19	66
Southsea	6.1	—	19	66
Sandown	4.1	—	18	64
Bournemouth	4.8	—	18	64
Exmouth	5.9	—	19	66
Torquay	6.3	—	18	64
W COAST				
Morecambe	4.6	.21	15	59
Blackpool	5.2	.02	15	59
Anglesey	5.4	.07	16	61
Ilfracombe	4.1	.06	15	59
Newquay	7.7	.07	17	63

Overseas selling prices

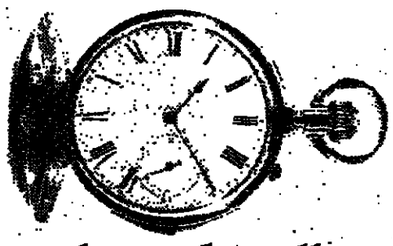
Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, K Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Germany, Dmk 1.50; Greece, Holland, Dfl 1.50; Hungary, Fo 60; Italy, Lire 700; Lux Lf 25; Madeira, Esc 23.50; Ma Norway, Kr 1.50; Portugal, Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Kr Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sh, showers.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Abroath	s	13	55	Chicago	s	13	64	Locarno	s	18	70	Nice	s	25	77
Algiers	s	27	81	Cologne	s	21	70	London	c	17	63	Oslo	s	15	59
Amsterdm	c	14	57	Copenhgn	f	14	57	Luxemburg	s	19	66	Paris	s	23	73
Athens	f	36	79	Florence	s	26	79	Madrid	s	28	82	Rome	s	26	79
Barbados	c	29	84	Funchal	c	25	77	Majorca	s	29	84	S Frncsco	s	23	73
Barcelona	f	29	84	Geneva	s	23	73	Malaga	s	29	84	Stockholm	s	15	59
Beirut	s	33	91	Guernsey	c	14	57	Malta	s	29	84	Toronto	f	15	59
Belfast	f	14	57	Helsinki	r	8	46	Miami	sh	30	86	Tel Aviv	s	32	90
Berlin	c	17	63	Innsbruck	s	22	72	Montreal	f	11	52	Vancouver	c	14	57
Bermuda	c	28	82	Istanbul	f	29	84	Moscow	c	8	46	Venice	c	23	73
Biarritz	s	19	66	Jersey	c	16	61	Munich	s	24	75	Vienna	s	24	75
Brussels	c	17	63	L Palmas	f	29	84	Naples	s	27	81	Warsaw	s	19	66
Budapest	s	27	81	Lisbon	s	30	86	New York	s	22	72	Zurich	s	19	66

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HOME NEWS

Discrimination against foreign graduates on law course alleged

By Annabel Ferriman

The Council of Legal Education discriminated against foreign graduates by requiring them to train three years for the Bar instead of the two required of United Kingdom graduates, it was alleged at an industrial tribunal in London yesterday.

Mrs Joan Bohon-Mitchell, aged 29, an English literature graduate from Columbia University, New York, complained to the tribunal that she was unfairly excluded from a one-year law course at City University on the ground that she was a graduate from a foreign university.

The Council of Legal Education would give a certificate of eligibility for the course only to a graduate from a United Kingdom or Irish university. She was told she would have to take a two-year course at the Polytechnic of Central London instead.

Mrs Bohon-Mitchell, who lives in Banbury Road, Oxford, and is married to a British doctor, told the tribunal that if she was forced to take the two-year course it would be three years before she was fully qualified, whereas a non-law graduate of a British or Irish university could qualify in two years and a British law graduate in one year. All barristers have to take a one-year vocational course.

Mr Ian Macdonald, counsel for Mrs Bohon-Mitchell, said that the exclusion of overseas graduates from the City University course was indirect discrimination against citizens not from the United Kingdom or Ireland and was illegal under section 1(1b) of the Race Relations Act, 1976.

Although the Council of Legal Education did not require that anyone wishing to go on the course should be a United Kingdom citizen, by insisting that all recruits should have a United Kingdom or Irish degree it made it much easier for United Kingdom citizens to qualify.

"It is my case that a considerably smaller proportion of non-United Kingdom and Irish citizens can comply with the conditions laid down than can United Kingdom or Irish citizens", he said. "Of 156 people who have been granted certificates for the one-year course, there are 108 of United Kingdom nationality and 48 of a different nationality (69 per cent are British and 31 per cent are non-British)."

He asked whether there was such a difference between foreign and home non-law graduates as to justify such a regulation. "The naked assertion that graduates from Dublin or Cork are better qualified for the English Bar than Harvard or Yale graduates is a pretty formidable thing to justify on any grounds", he added.

The hearing continues today.

Whitehall brief: The man who left to assess his own power and performance

Business without bureaucracy proves a winner

By Peter Hennessy

In the space of a few months last year the Treasury lost three of the strongest minded individuals to carry the title of permanent secretary in recent years. With Sir Leo Pliatzky now at the Department of Trade, Sir Derek Mitchell at Guinness Mahon and Mr Alan Lord at Dunlop, Great George Street is a quieter, if less interesting, place, though the soothing financial effects of North Sea oil have something to do with the tranquillity as well.

Of the three, the departure of Mr Lord was the most baffling. Only 47 when he announced the intention of "picking my own winner", an adaptation of the phrase used to describe the Government's industrial strategy, of which he was a leading architect, he seemed to have the eventual succession to the headship of the Treasury sewn up.

He gave the impression of liking power. A former Prime Minister praised him at an expenditure committee hearing. The Whitehall future was his.



Mr Alan Lord: A question of satisfaction.

Mr Lord is loyal to his former colleagues. A framed *Times* picture of the 1976 Treasury team sits in his office in St James's. He is not telling much about the inside story of that *annus horrendus*, at least not yet.

In conversation, however, *shortly after the first anniversary* of his arrival at Dunlop, where he is managing director of Dunlop International, handling about half of the company's business, some clear hints emerged about his inner reasons for leaving.

Reading between the lines of his remarks, the view was detectable that in a bureaucracy, even one as small as the Treasury, it was difficut to point to something that was his work and his alone.

At the sharp end in industry, it is far easier to measure his performance and power. In Whitehall power is dispersed, less tangible and exercisable than in a company, hence the satisfactions are less personal He told me:

Constitutionally and in fact, a senior civil servant is no more than an adviser to government and usually to a departmental minister. At the end of the day the decision is not his. Often the advice he gives is based on the case experience of people much lower down the line, and so he acts as a bridge between the case-work and the policy that needs to be formed.

In a company, if it is properly organized, the lines of communication are very much shorter. In a company analysis and prescription can be judged objectively. There is not the problem, from which any government process in whatever country suffers, that analysis and prescription can be blocked-off by political imperatives which are a priori judgments.

This is not a criticism of the way that governments reach their decisions. They have to be sensitive to the people to whom they are responsible. Undoubtedly in industry there is a feeling of a rather higher success rate because the environment is more favourable to decision-taking.

He visibly enjoys the good life of a captain of industry. But the old *noblesse oblige* of the district commissioner he nearly became on leaving Cambridge comes shining through when he talks of the pride he takes in looking after Dunlop employees and especially providing a better life for those in the Third World. He has yet to have his first regret at leaving Whitehall, he says.

Though the frustrations of dealing with deep-seated economic difficulties have been lifted from him for over a year, he becomes his former, serious, gritty self when talking about them. The improvement in Britain's position since 1976 has been largely financial and he is very worried that the country will "fritter away" North Sea oil in the way it has "fittered away" North Sea gas.

As his withdrawal phase from Whitehall nears its end, Mr Lord will probably reemerge as a public, or semi-public figure, in the wider counsels of the nation through the medium of the Confederation of British Industry.

The quality of the debate should be much improved when he takes on the men he might have led in Great George Street in discussions about taxation policy and economic strategy. He promises to be as open then as he tried to be in the Treasury. It is something to look forward to.

£10,000 annual bill for child in local care

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A place for a child at a community home with education provided was estimated to cost well over £10,000 a year, Mr John Rea Price, director of social services at Islington, London, said yesterday.

With possible pay improvements for staff over the horizon, officials in his position are bracing themselves for the figure to rise to £15,000 or even £20,000. That compares with £2,500 a year to send a boy to Eton.

The high cost of places in community homes and for other residential places is part of the reason behind a new campaign, launched yesterday, to find a better way of dealing with juvenile delinquents.

Involved in the campaign are organizations that have to deal with young offenders: the Association of Directors of Social Services, the British Association of Social Workers, the Conference of Chief Probation Officers, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, and the National Association of Probation Officers.

Not only was custody expensive, but it was grossly ineffective, Professor Alan Little, professor of social administration at Goldsmiths' College, London University, said. He gave the cost of keeping someone in borstal or a detention centre as between £93 and £96 a week.

But seven out of 10 from detention centres and eight out of 10 from borstals were convicted again within two years. That form of treatment was no more effective than any other available to the court, he said. Some had to be in secure accommodation, but it should be used as a last resort. People had to be helped to live in the outside world.

Community service orders cost £250 a year for each person and probation and supervision £150 a year, he said.

Referring to demands for tougher penalties, Mr Christopher Andrews, general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, described as untrue the assumption that youngsters were being dealt with in a sloppier way than in the past.

"We have more kids in institutional care or borstal than before. Thirty-five per cent of first offenders before the court are subject to care orders, Mr Andrews said.

The campaign wants local authorities to use more schemes such as professional fostering in which difficult young people are given support in a family setting. Community service, in which juveniles help others, is also recommended. The idea is that local authorities should try other means before recommending that a youngster be removed from home.

Petition for a referendum on electoral reform

By Ian Bradley

The Electoral Reform Society is organizing a petition calling on the Government to hold a referendum to enable electors to choose between the present electoral system and the use of the single transferable vote.

Miss Enid Lakeman, the director, said the society did not like the referendum as a constitutional device but felt it was suitable for deciding on electoral reform "because MPs are not the best judges of the way that they should be elected".

The society will distribute copies of the petition at the Conservative and Labour party conferences next month. It will be presented in Parliament in November.

Miss Elizabeth Lyon, research officer of Conservative Action for Electoral Reform, said: "We support the idea of a constitutional referendum to ask people if they favour proportional representation.

"But we would rather it was couched in general terms, not in the specific terms of the Electoral Reform Society's petition, which offers the single transferable vote as the only option available." She said that most Conservatives favoured the additional member system.

Miss Lyon said that support for electoral reform had grown considerably in the Conservative Parliamentary Party within the past nine months. More than a hundred Conservative MPs and 150 peers had voted for proportional representation in divisions on the Scotland and Wales Bills.

She said there were now 36 Conservative MPs and 51 peers in Conservative Action for Electoral Reform. At a fringe meeting at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton Mr Reg Prentice and Mr Rhodes Boyson will debate the merits of proportional representation.

Electoral reform is also likely to come up during the constitutional debate at the conference. The proposer of the motion which has been selected for debate, Mr John Chatwin, is an enthusiast for proportional representation.



The Duchess of Kent having a quiet word with Mrs Naomi James, the yachtswoman, during the Women of the Year luncheon in London yesterday (Report, page 17).

Third scout suffering from typhoid

Mr Maurice Durham, an assistant Scoutleader, has typhoid, the South West Regional Health Authority confirmed yesterday. Mr Durham, aged 29, an engineer at Berkeley power station, had been in isolation at Ham Green Hospital, near Bristol, since last Thursday and is the third member of a recent Scout expedition to Portugal to contract the disease.

With Mr Durham in the infectious diseases unit is Stephen Davies, aged 16, a trainee architect from Huntley, near Gloucester, who was confirmed as having typhoid last week. The third expedition member with typhoid is Mr Peter Martin, aged 19, from Salford, Lancashire.

The health authority said in Bristol that Mr Durham and Stephen Davies were both "comfortable", and would probably be going home soon.

About thirty of their close contacts will continue to be screened during the next few weeks for symptoms of the disease, which has recently affected several people returning from abroad.

Blaze started by incendiaries

Forensic scientists were called in yesterday after incendiary devices started a blaze which swept through the Globe works, in Penistone Road, Sheffield. Seven devices exploded in succession and within minutes the premises, in which are several engineering companies, were engulfed in flame.

As firemen fought to bring the outbreak under control, more devices exploded. Three floors of the building were damaged.

Cricketer banned

Richard Lumb, aged 28, the Yorkshire cricketer, of Lancaster Crescent, Tickhill, Doncaster, was fined £50 and disqualified from driving for a year by Leeds magistrates yesterday after he admitted driving with too much alcohol in his blood.

Victim discharged

Mrs Hilda Witcomb, aged 70, the mother of Mrs Janet Parker, who died of smallpox in Birmingham, has been discharged from hospital. Mrs Witcomb, who contracted the disease from her daughter, is now in quarantine.

Clues to medieval parliament unearthed on store site

Regional report

Ronald Faux

Perth

Deep beneath the neat array of woollens and consumables in the new branch of Marks and Spencer which is to open in Perth will lie the sifted remains of an old Scottish parliament.

Where Bruce's axe once cracked the skulls of quislings, tills already ring in gentler combat. The concrete and brick of a modern town centre overlay the old site, sealing it for ever.

No one complains. No earnest archaeologist will be pressing Sir Marcus Sieff to move his foundations or his woollens so that a piece of auld Scotia can be dug up.

The work has already been done in what proved to be among the most significant British archaeological rescue operations. More than 200,000 artifacts have been unearthed, spurs, seals and ampullas, animal bones and insect legs, all of which are being studied for clues about medieval Perth.

The Perth High Street excavation began as a three-month attempt to beat the bulldozers moving towards the foundations of Old Parliament House, which historians believe was probably a centre of Scottish government in the early seventeenth century.

The excavation, in fact, lasted three years, thanks to the Manpower Services Commission and Job Creation, through which some 300 unemployed, including redundant academics, and reformed burglars, scraped away at the remains of the building and produced a rich variety of finds.

Mr Nicholas Bogdan, director of the excavation, said Perth had proved among the most productive urban excavations in Europe. It ranked alongside those in London and York. Because of the town's particular kind of soil the finds were remarkably well preserved.

Archaeologists concentrated on Perth because of its strategic importance and tumultuous history. Perth was seized in 1296 by the English, who realized that its bridge, to quote a local source, "was the onlie saife and certane passage betwixt the north and south parties of this realm in all kyndes of weather".

The town was walled until 1313, the year before Bannockburn, when Bruce embarked upon his bloody retribution. Each succeeding period of Scottish history fell like leaves on Perth and the layers are now being explored. A computerized inventory of all the finds is being made and the variety clearly suggests there were several craftsmen working on the high street site.

Among the discoveries was a silver ampulla depicting the murder of St Thomas Becket, probably one of only four of its kind in Europe. The Scots, it may be noted, prayed to St Thomas on the eve of Bannockburn as a way of further insulting the English.

There are spearheads and knives, beautifully carved bone and more prosaic finds, including a finely preserved shoe which had belonged to a woman. Was it lost as she fled from Bruce? "I doubt it", Mr Bogdan said, "she probably threw it away. There's a big hole in the sole".

The dig produced a large number of animal bones but there is no sign of the lion that Bruce is recorded as having kept in Perth. Nor was there proof that Parliament House actually housed a parliament, although Mr Bogdan is convinced by the documentary evidence.

The huge archaeological collection is to be housed in Perth Museum, within a hundred yards of where it lay buried for more than 600 years.

Bail for man charged with football supporter's murder

A Birmingham man accused of the murder of a Chelsea football supporter during a scuffle before the Birmingham City and Chelsea game last Saturday was granted bail yesterday when he appeared before Mr J. F. Milward, the Birmingham stipendiary magistrate.

The court was told that the Chelsea supporter, Vernon Brown, of Sparkhill, Birmingham, was killed instantly when he fell under the wheels of a double-deck bus. Mr George Jonas, for the defence, said the circumstances seemed to point to a ghastly accident.

He asked for reporting restrictions to be lifted and joined the police in appealing to any witnesses of the incident to come forward to help to establish what happened.

Terence Martin Sherlock, aged 22, a builder's labourer, of Cambridge Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, was remanded until October 30 charged with murdering Mr Brown.

CROWN AGENTS TRIBUNAL

Relationship with the Bank of England 'not one of openness and frankness'

By Philip Webster and Derek Barnett

The attitude of the Crown Agents towards exchange control was at best one of haphazard compliance with the regulations and at worst one that involved an element of duplicity in their relationship with the Bank of England, the tribunal of inquiry investigating the financial losses of the Crown Agents between 1967 and 1974 was told yesterday.

Opening his address on the fifth day of the inquiry, Mr Peter Scott, QC, for the tribunal, said that that was the way it appeared from documents he would be putting the inquiry.

He said that that topic had only recently come within the area the tribunal would investigate and the inquiries of the Treasury Solicitor were not complete.

Those members of the Crown Agents' staff and other people concerned had not yet had an opportunity to express their views and give their explanations on matters that appeared in the documents, and it would be wrong for anybody to form a final view until that had been done.

The Fay inquiry, he said, was to a considerable extent inhibited from going into matters of that kind because of the possibility of prosecutions.

"There is no evidence at all, notwithstanding the very considerable breaches of exchange control regulations, some of which cost the country's official reserves millions of dollars, that any individual in the Crown Agents or outside had benefited personally as a result of these infringements", he added.

He would be producing prima facie evidence of one incident in which a particular individual appeared to have acted on his own in endorsing over a substantial cheque in dollars to another individual.

But although that was a cheque payable to the Crown Agents, the correction was made at the same time as the cheque was endorsed over and the sterling equivalent of the cheque was received by the Crown Agents; even in that instance no loss was sustained by the Crown Agents.

Mr Scott said it was necessary to understand something of the nature of the Crown Agents' operation. They were resident at all times in the United Kingdom. It mattered not what their precise status was as to whether they were individuals or some form of corporation or emanation of the Crown.

The question whether they had any corporate capacity was irrelevant for that purpose and it was also irrelevant whether they were an emanation of the Crown because the Exchange Control Act extended to the Crown.

Although the Crown Agents set up certain things that were called funds, those funds had no separate existence from the Crown Agents and no different residence from the Crown Agents. The "subsidiaries" set up by the Crown Agents were also resident in the United Kingdom.

Crown Agents' dealing with non-residents, in foreign currency and investment overseas from 1966 to the end of 1974, fell into two distinct categories.

On the one hand they held sums of money and portfolios of investment on behalf of foreign principals, including a large number of foreign governments and public authorities abroad. They managed those funds and portfolios as agents and in some cases nominees, putting investment in their own names.

That portfolio management business was of a kind familiar in merchant banking and other banking operations. Each principal had his own account and the profits and losses on the portfolio were for the account of the principal. In return the Crown Agents received management fees.

That business was substantial. On December 31, 1970, the Crown Agents were managing stocks, shares, bonds and money worth £824m and had in their possession 85,000 fine ounces of gold; by the end of 1974 the funds and portfolios in their management were worth £719m, a drop of more than £100m, and the same amount of gold.

He said that no question arose—"at least not today"—on the management of those portfolios. The Bank of England were aware that the Crown Agents were managing those portfolios. They plainly gave their assent to what was happening with them. Those sums were only part, albeit the largest, of the sums being handled by the Crown Agents which came within the purview of the exchange control regulations.

Even without the business he would later mention, the Crown Agents were custodians of sterling balances to the tune of 24 per cent of the country's entire official reserves.

"If ever a public body with such a heavy responsibility ought to have ensured that it had a proper system for exchange control it was the Crown Agents. Unfortunately it appears they had nothing of the kind", he said.

There appeared to have been no proper system for ensuring that the exchange control regulations were complied with, no proper system for educating those who were responsible for carrying out transactions within the purview of exchange control and no proper system of picking up breaches of exchange control that might inadvertently have occurred.

He said that one of the most worrying features of the affair was the relationship between the Crown Agents and the Bank of England. It was not one of openness and frankness by the Crown Agents.

"There is no doubt that the Bank of England were concerned about whether or not the Crown Agents were complying with their obligations in respect of exchange control and about their inability to extract from the Crown Agents a full description and account of their operations to enable the Bank of England to form a view about them", he said.

In a slightly different context the Bank of England had expressed its views about the Crown Agents in a way that accurately described the Crown Agents' attitude to exchange control. The Bank said: "The Crown Agents appear to have resorted to a form of percolation to inform us about their activities and some of the coffee appears to be ersatz."

Turning to the second category, the acceptance of deposits from principals, or depositors and customers, and using them for investments as they chose, Mr Scott said that in the early days before 1966 the system seemed to have been that the interest payable on those deposits was calculated in arrear.

The Crown Agents waited to see how well they had done on the other side of the balance sheet before deciding how much interest to pay to their depositors. That became known as the "cooperative theory".

But during the period with which the inquiry was concerned a different method of operation came into existence, and it was much more the standard banking type of approach. A customer would ring up, say he had a sum of money to deposit and the Crown Agents would quote him a rate of interest.

In other words, the customer knew when he placed his money with them how long it would be there and what rate of interest he would receive for it. Those deposits provided a considerable part of the money then used by the Crown Agents for their "own account" activities.

Mr Scott said that the relationship between the Crown Agents and those depositors, principals and customers was simple—it was of debtor and creditor. When the deposit was made, the principal became the creditor and the Crown Agents owed him that sum of money and, as it accrued, the interest on it.

At no time were the principals and depositors at risk. As long as the Crown Agents could afford to pay they would get their money back. Whatever happened to the money would not affect the liability to repay the principals.

That particular feature of their business and the question of whether the money was being invested at the principals' risk or the Crown Agents' risk assumed large importance for the Bank of England. The Bank were told that the operations were being carried out at the customers' risk.

Mr Scott said that a series of continuing and serious infringements of the exchange control law was involved in a Crown Agents' decision, about 1968, that it would be advantageous to invest in American equities. The idea was to put up a sum in dollars and borrow another sum from an American bank, Continental Illinois.

The initial borrowing from that bank and subsequent increases in the borrowing contravened the Exchange Control Act. Another contravention was that having borrowed currency they should have offered it for sale to an authorized dealer, but did not do so.

The equities were purchased, but the portfolio was not a success. As the months and years passed the Crown Agents increased their borrowing from Continental Illinois. Total losses were about $6.5m. The most that the Crown Agents could have hoped for once the portfolio had gone sour was that if they went to the Bank of England they would be told that the cost to the Crown Agents would be more than the base amount involved.

The Crown Agents, despite a request by the Chancellor in his Budget in May, 1966, for a voluntary programme of restraint in investment in certain developed countries, entered into massive obligations to make investments in Australia, one of the very countries specified by Mr Callaghan. The voluntary programme was intended to improve the country's external balance of payments.

The Crown Agents' action was not a breach of the Exchange Control Act, Mr Scott said. "But it is a matter of concern when one remembers that this was a public body using funds obtained by virtue of their position in this country and which included large sums of dollars and other foreign currencies."

In regard to the American portfolio, he added, the Crown Agents, after hanging on for several years in the hope that the market would turn in their favour, reached the point where they decided they simply could not leave it any longer and must dispose of the portfolio and repay the Continental Illinois borrowing.

The inquiry was adjourned until today, when Sir Stephen Luke, a former chairman of the Crown Agents, is expected to give evidence.

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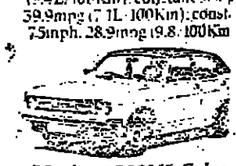
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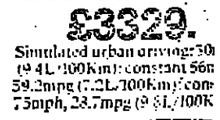
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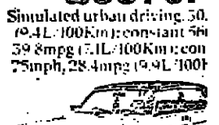
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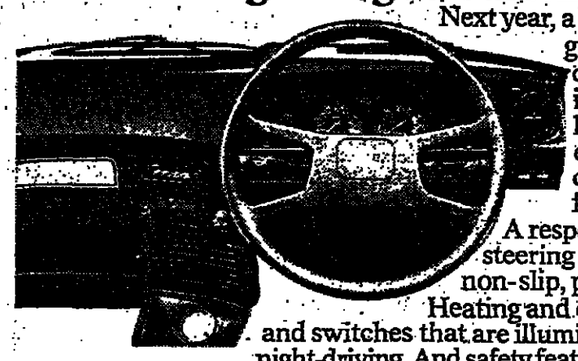
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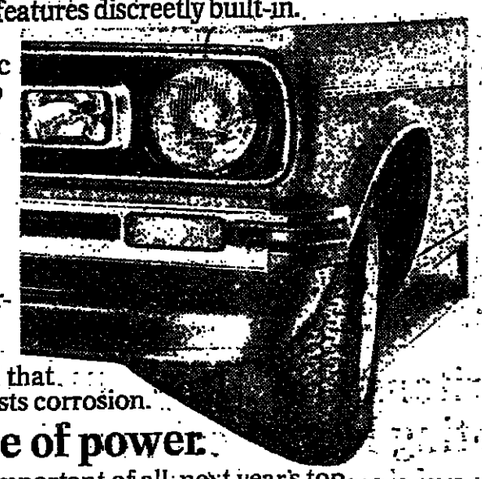
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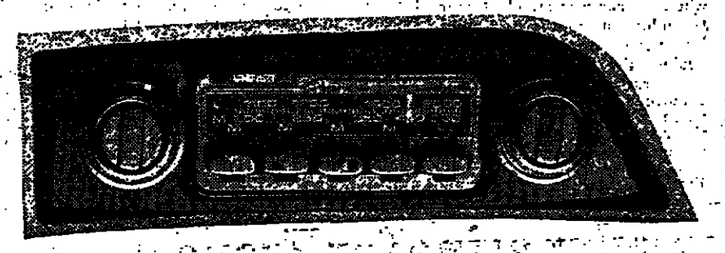


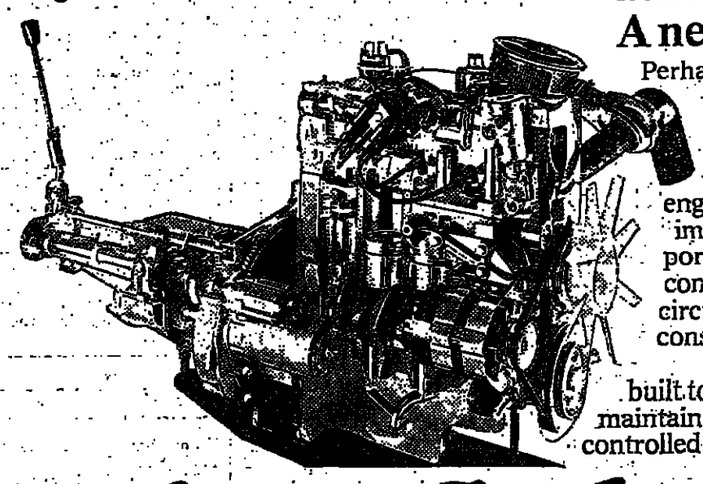
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HOME NEWS

Cabinet dilemma over 12-month rule as computer staff switch to private industry for higher pay

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

The Prime Minister has received a report about a possible threat to essential government services because of a rapid and accelerating loss of computer workers.

Wastage among 8,000 programmers, systems analysts and operations supervisors has risen to 20 per cent a year and in an attempt to stem the loss the Society of Civil and Public Servants has presented a big pay claim to operate from this month.

It would clearly breach the Government's 12-month rule, but the situation is now so acute that a political decision will have to be made on how to halt the loss.

The computer workers are being tempted to higher paid jobs by private industry, which is also seriously short of computer expertise, largely because of a national advertising drive by industry aimed at state computer staff.

The Government has the biggest computer network in the country and Mr Campbell Christie, deputy general secretary of the society, said last night that by the end of the year many government services could be seriously affected.

The Prime Minister is getting conflicting advice from top civil servants. One internal review acknowledged that the loss of staff "must be dealt with urgently if government computer operations are not to be imperilled" but Department of Employment officials are pointing out that the 12-month rule must be protected.

The union is seeking an increase in a special allowance given to most computer staff, which ranges from £150 to £600 a year depending on experience. It says the top rate should be increased to £1,000 and extended to all computer workers. At present operations supervisors do not get the allowance, which was introduced in 1970 in an attempt to stop the drift from government to private industry.

The union claims that after three years of pay policy private computer staff get up to a third more than their government counterparts.

Mr Christie said that essential new projects were endangered, including plans for computerizing income tax collection and assessment; developing the job-finding activities of the Manpower Services Commission, which is already being computerized as an experiment in north London; centralizing the huge Ministry of Defence stores operation in armaments, ammunition and general supplies; and computerizing the payment of social security benefits.

It is acknowledged in senior Civil Service circles that the computer operation is already seriously impaired by lack of staff, and Mr Christie gave a warning that computer operations like the payment of unemployment benefit might gradually break down.

Losses of trained computer staff at the Ministry of Defence, the biggest user of government computers, is understood to have more than doubled in the past year.

Basic pay, without the allowance, rises to a maximum of £4,579 after five to 10 years' experience, depending on age at entry, and it takes 18 months to recruit and train a new entrant. On present salary scales the Government has found it impossible to attract experienced staff from private industry.

The union estimates that it costs at least £5,000 for the first year's salary and training costs of a new entrant, which implies a £2m annual loss to the Government. The union says that is roughly equivalent to the cost of meeting its claim in full.

A team of senior officials from the union told the Civil Service Department that unless pay rates are moved into line with private industry loss of staff will accelerate rapidly. Mr Christie last night did not rule out the prospect of industrial action, which could have a devastating impact on a wide range of government services, he said.

The young want harder line against hooligans

Young people favour a harder line against vandals and hooligans, and 64 per cent of them want hanging reintroduced for all murderers, according to a survey published yesterday by National Opinion Polls.

They are generally against the legalization of cannabis and support the institution of marriage. Political views are evenly balanced; 44 per cent of those of voting age say they would vote Labour and 42 per cent Conservative.

Although a majority were satisfied with Mr Callaghan's leadership and dissatisfied with Mrs Thatcher, one in five did not recognize a photograph of the Prime Minister, the survey says.

Generally, young people are tolerant, the survey says. It was carried out for the Jimmy Young programme on BBC Radio 2.

They believe homosexuals should be treated the same as everyone else and object to the view that coloured immigrants should be sent home. They support sex education in schools and do not think sexual intercourse outside marriage is wrong.

Nearly 2,000 people between the ages of 15 and 21 were interviewed for the survey.

The popular picture of students as left-wingers conflicts with the survey, which found that 53 per cent of those in full-time education would vote Conservative and 33 per cent Labour.

Unemployment stands out as the main issue facing young people, which, the survey says, is hardly surprising as 18 per cent of the sample were out of work and a third of those in work had difficulty finding the right job.

Most youngsters either could find no difference between the main parties or did not know which had the best policies.

Labour came out on top on unemployment, prices, strikes and housing and the Tories fared better on immigration, education and devolution.

Only 15 per cent of those questioned in the survey were trade unionists, but 39 per cent thought unions had a good influence, though 54 per cent thought they had too much power.

The survey says young people are "relatively conservative" on social issues. Nine tenths of them think vandals and hooligans should be punished more severely, 64 per cent want hanging for all murderers, 70 per cent do not believe cannabis should be legalized and four fifths do not think marriage is out of date.

About 63 per cent disagree that coloured immigrants should be sent home, and 61 per cent believe homosexuals should be treated the same as everyone else.

Their attitude to sex has changed. Seven out of 10 did not think sexual intercourse outside of marriage was wrong.

In a similar survey in 1967 two fifths thought sex outside marriage was always wrong.

WEST EUROPE

By-elections evidence of discontent over French policies

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Sept 25

The parliamentary by-elections at Nancy, where M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, president of the Radical Party, was defeated by a Socialist, and in Paris where a leading Gaullist faces difficulties in next Sunday's run-off ballot made yesterday a black Sunday for the French Government coalition.

These by-elections follow three other by-election defeats for the Government in the past two months, even though these were in safe left-wing seats.

M Servan-Schreiber, who described his own defeat as "striking", obtained only 41.54 per cent of the votes, while his Socialist opponent, M Yvon Tondon, scored 58.45 per cent.

In the Fourteenth Arrondissement of Paris, M Christian de la Malene, a leading Gaullist who has held the seat for 20 years, got 39.20 per cent. His Socialist opponent scored 33.01 per cent and the Communist candidate obtained 19.33 per cent. If these parties' voting discipline is good in the second round next Sunday M de la Malene is likely to lose his seat.

Neither M Servan-Schreiber's own dynamic, if often provocative, personality nor the Government's plan for the salvaging of the steel industry announced last week, could save him. He won the seat eight years ago in a spectacular contest against the Government's Gaullist candidate when he stood as an opposition champion of the interests of Lorraine.

But now the tide has turned. Having rallied subsequently to M Giscard d'Estaing's side, he has been made responsible for too many unfulfilled Government promises and for the high rate of unemployment in the province, which threatens to be made still worse by the reorganization of the steel industry upon which its prosperity once depended.

Yesterday's results affect both parties of the government majority equally. They are evidence of a strong wave of discontent over the Government's economic policy since the March elections.

M Servan-Schreiber did not attempt to conceal the extent of his defeat. "The black tide of unemployment makes blind and deaf the people who experience or fear it", he said in a statement after the results were announced. "That is the cry of the people of Lorraine and of Frenchmen... My sole duty is to say now that this cry must be heard".

He added today on the radio: "No one understands or sees what the Government's policy is leading us to. Before calling on Frenchmen for effort and austerity, one must first set up solidarity and justice".

At Nancy, however, there was the additional factor of the Radical Party leader's controversial personality. Many Gaullist voters, for whom he is a bugbear, either abstained or even backed his Socialist opponent in order to bring him down.

But the Communists have also lost ground, heavily in Nancy, less so in Paris. The second lesson of yesterday's polls and of the two preceding ones in the Gers and the Pas de Calais is the spectacular progress of the Socialist Party, both at the expense of the right and of its former Communist allies.

The unrelenting Communist campaign of accusation and innuendo against the Socialists has boomeranged. In Paris particularly, the Communists hoped to come out of the first ballot ahead of the Socialists as the leaders of the left. They failed conspicuously.

More and more Communist voters are coming round to the view that the Socialist Party is the most effective force for change.

This series of by-elections is a distinct warning to the Government.

Car attacked: M Jean Lecanuet, president of the Gaullist UDF party, today escaped unhurt when his car was attacked near Ollioules in southern France by demonstrators protesting against the proposed closures of Marseilles shipyards. His chauffeur was slightly injured when five people jumped on the car and smashed the windscreen. M Lecanuet was rescued by police.—Agence France-Presse.



Angelika Speitel: arrested after Dortmund gunfight.

Terrorist suspect identified

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Sept 25

West Germans were able to cross another photograph off their posters of most-wanted terrorists today, when police identified a woman captured after a gunfight yesterday as Angelika Speirel.

Frau Speitel, aged 26 and considered to be a member of the hard core of terrorists, is wanted in connexion with the murders of Dr Siegfried Buback, the federal prosecutor, Dr Jürgen Ponto, the Dresdner Bank chief, and the kidnapping and murder of Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the industrialists' president.

Frau Speitel and another presumed terrorist, Michael Knoll, aged 27, were wounded and captured after they opened fire on police who came on them practising shooting in a wood near Dortmund. A third companion escaped. One policeman was shot dead and another injured.

Herr Knoll, who is in a critical condition in hospital, appears to be a member of the terrorist fringe who have recently gone underground.

The choice of site for shooting practice within earshot of houses and several roads indicated either a growing carelessness, or over-confidence among terrorists. Earlier this month, Willy Peter Stoll, another most-wanted terrorist, was recognized sitting in a restaurant without any disguise.

Mr Silkin attacks EEC attitudes on fishing

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Sept 25

Mr John Silkin, the British Minister of Agriculture, today accused other Community states of being "interested only in keeping (British fish) stocks open to their fishermen as long as the fish lasts".

They were not interested, he said, in preserving fishing industries for the future or in a community fisheries policy that would take account of the social and economic interests of their members.

Mr Silkin's strong comments were made to journalists after an abortive meeting of EEC agriculture ministers at which he vetoed a number of Community conservation proposals on the grounds that they would not provide adequate protection through measures either announced or already introduced by Britain.

"Over-fishing and the destruction of fish stocks is not a scare story invented by the British Government", Mr Silkin said. "It was a common problem for the main fishing nations of the Northern Hemisphere.

"The Icelandic and the Atlano-Scandian herring stocks have already been destroyed and we had most of the hake fishery in the west of Britain, Mr Silkin pointed out.

"Everyone knew, he declared, that the EEC's existing fisheries policy had been "devised hastily in 1970 to benefit Germany, France and the Netherlands at the expense of Britain and Norway". The adoption of 200-mile limits had damaged Britain still further.

The dispute, Mr Silkin asserted, was "not between one member pursuing its own interest while the other eight were trying to uphold EEC principles, but between a group of members pursuing their national interests at the expense of one other and conceal their motive by an appeal to the treaties".

Mr Svend Jacobson, the Danish minister, called on the European Commission to refer Britain to the European Court of Justice if it went ahead with plans to widen the area covered by the ban on Norway pout fishing off the west of Scotland from October 1.

The ban is intended to prevent the capture of large quantities of immature haddock and whiting that are unavoidably scooped up in the small mesh nets used for fishing for Norway pout.

Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Fisheries Minister, said Irish vessels would ignore the ban on herring fishing in the Irish Sea, and sector of the Irish Sea, and warned the British authorities not to harass Irish fishermen.

Earlier, Mr Silkin had blocked approval of a long-term framework agreement between Spain and the EEC on reciprical fishing rights.

Unmoved by the arguments of his EEC colleagues that this would be seen as a gratuitous rebuff to a future Community member, Mr Silkin insisted that ther could be no agreements with non-EEC countries so long as the Community had not agreed on its domestic fisheries policy.

Warsaw: West Germany and Denmark have refused to accept cuts in their share of the herring catch in the Baltic allotted by a commission of Litto states, fisheries sources s today.

Britons are eating less porridge

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

The area of farmland sown with oats is dwindling fast because of changes in the British breakfast. Mr Harold Philpot, president of the United Kingdom Agricultural Supply Trade Association, said yesterday that the oats acreage was "disappointing" despite a record harvest for all grain.

Mr James Wright, group purchasing director of Pauls and Whites Foods, said: "Scotmen became disenchanted with their native breakfast some years ago. We shall not have a market for oats off the farm unless someone can resuscitate the porridge trade."

The area down to oats in Great Britain has fallen this year to a third of its size in 1938, and a national yield of only 750,000 tonnes is expected, compared with a forecast of more than 10 million tonnes for barley.

Mr Wright said that much of the traditional acreage of oats had been turned over to varieties of barley. "In Golden Promise the Scots had a variety that could be grown anywhere north of the border up to Wick, where they thought they could grow nothing but oats and turnips."

The acreage has fallen so fast in recent years that oats have been imported to meet demand from manufacturers of breakfast foods such as muesli. "There must surely be a ready market for anyone with good quality oats", Mr Philpot said. He and Mr Wright were speaking at a press conference in London at which the association issued its prediction of the harvest yield for Great Britain.

It expected a total of 17.5 million tonnes, including 6.75 million of wheat and about 10 million tonnes of barley. Mr Philpot said that wheat would produce a record national yield, thanks to increased planting and a season exceptionally free of disease. Some barley, particularly that sown in the spring, had been disappointing.

Boy killer is taken into care until he is 18

From Our Correspondent
Wolverhampton

One of the children who killed a Wolverhampton grandmother last May was committed at Wolverhampton Juvenile Court yesterday to the care of Wolverhampton social services department until he reaches the age of 18, subject to a six-monthly review.

The boy, aged six, was referred to by Mr Barry Riley, for the defence, as a Jekyll and Hyde character of sunny outward disposition, more intelligent than either parent, but the class bully and a terrorizer of other children. Mr Riley supported the local authority application.

Mr David Parkes, for the parents, asked for a supervision order, with the child getting what care he needed in his home.

Mr Riley also said: "If you look at the history of this family it is a history of violence." One child, a girl, was in care, one child had died, the boy had previously been in care. There had been allegations of beatings with a strap.

The boy was out of the control of his parents and the situation at home could only get worse because his anti-social tendencies were still in the early stages.

The boy's former headmistress said he kicked and punched other children. She added: "I have the feeling that he enjoyed inflicting pain. If he could make other children squeal he felt triumphant."

Once in front of her the father had hit the boy about five times with his belt. She said: "It was the only time I ever saw him terrified and it was the first time a parent had ever hit a child before in front of me."

Miss Christine Ballenger, a social worker, said the boy was extremely aggressive and very strong. She had seen him lift up a manhole cover, and he had to be pulled off other children.

Miss Ballenger said that on one occasion the mother told her the father was a bully, an ape and King Kong. Both parents denied beating the child. The mother said she had seen the father hit the boy only with his hands.

Mr Riley asked: "Is it not true that the father lathered the life out of the boy and you tried to stop him and could not?" There was no reply.

Mr Keith Totman, chief educational psychologist for Wolverhampton council, described the boy as "perfectly normal, of average intelligence and a likable chap". His unsettled behaviour was the result of variable and inconsistent handling by the parents.

Rare antique stolen by boy's killers

The police hunting the killers of Carl Bridgewater, aged 13, the newspaper delivery boy, issued details yesterday of antiques stolen by the gang from Yew Tree Farm, Kingswinford, Staffordshire.

One of the items was a rare nineteenth-century copper bedwarming pan which used hot water instead of the usual coals. It was highly polished and in good condition. The police have failed to obtain a similar bedwarmer, which indicates that it is a rare piece.

The gang also stole two brass meat jacks, two brass saucer-shaped candlesticks, three brass pokers, two pairs of old fire tongs and three sweet dishes made of pink opaque glass. They also took an old wind-up dark metal pocket watch engraved with the name of the maker, J. Brown, of Dewsbury.

Det Chief Supt Robert Stewart said yesterday that he was also anxious to trace the missing lids from two teapots jettisoned by the gang as they fled. The first was an earthenware lid with slightly worn silver glaze and the second was white with a flower transfer.

Details of the stolen antiques have been sent to the police throughout Britain. Mr Stewart said it was possible that the gang might have already tried to dispose of the property through the trade. They had left behind more valuable items, but they had sound knowledge of antiques.

The stolen property has been valued at about £200. The farm's occupants have found that more items were missing than was at first thought.

The police said the weapon used to kill the boy, of Ascot Gardens, Worsley, was probably stolen.

Sixth nuclear submarine for France

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 25

The French Government has decided to build a sixth nuclear submarine, it was announced by the Elysée Palace today.

The submarine will be launched in 1979 and will become operational in 1985. It will be the first of an intermediate series, between the five now in service and a new series planned for the years 1990 to 2000. It is to be equipped with the new M4 missiles with multiple warheads. A sum of 220m francs (£24.5m) is being earmarked in next year's defence budget to finance the project.

The decision was taken on Friday by President Giscard d'Estaing, after consultation with the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister and the chiefs of staff of the armed forces on the future of the French strategic nuclear weapons after studies ordered by the Defence Council in November of last year.

The council had recommended construction on the ground that it was preferable to dispose of one if France wanted to have three operational at any one time.

The decision announced today disposes of a bone of contention between the Government and the Gaullist Party. The Gaullists took a very serious view of the postponement of the building of the sixth nuclear submarine three years ago on the ground of economy, claiming that this would weaken the credibility of France's nuclear deterrent and implied a fundamental change of emphasis in French defence policy.

General Vanbremeersch, the head of the President's military staff, pointed out that if construction had been started sooner, as the Gaullists insisted, it would have become operational in 1982 with the M20 missiles, and would have had to be refitted later with the new M4 multiple warheads.

As it is, the new submarine will come into service at the same time as the first deliveries of the new missiles. The Defence Council had come to the conclusion that by the year 2000, the French strategic forces would have at least six, or possibly seven, nuclear submarines.

General Vanbremeersch was at pains to emphasize that the construction would not affect the programmes already decided for the equipment of the land and air forces and the conventional naval forces.

The Inflexible, as the submarine will be named, will soothe Gaullist susceptibilities and ensure a smooth passage through Parliament for the defence budget as a whole. It will also provide work for the Cherbourg arsenal.

Red Brigades leader moved to Rome prison

Rome, Sept 25.—Corrado Alunni, one of the reputed leaders of the Red Brigades terrorist group, has been taken in great secrecy from a Milan jail to Rome for a confrontation with witnesses to the kidnapping of Aldo Moro, the murdered former Prime Minister, police sources said today.

Signor Alunni, a former police trainee and electronics expert, is being held in a maximum security isolation cell of Rebibbia prison, eight miles from the city centre, according to police sources. He will take part in an identity parade.

Last Wednesday, a Milan court convicted Signor Alunni of illegal possession of arms and explosives and sentenced him to 12 years and four months in jail.—AP and UPI.

Billy Graham pelted with rotten fruit

Oslo, Sept 25.—Demonstrators pelted Billy Graham, the American evangelist, with cream buns, rotten fruit and tomatoes at a religious meeting after the National Pagan Society had mounted a campaign against his visit.

Kidnapped boy freed

Rome, Sept 25.—Sardinia's youngest kidnap victim, Gianluca Locci, aged seven, was released early to day by his captors after 94 days in captivity.

Six drown in Tagus

Lisbon, Sept 25.—Three men, two women and a baby boy were drowned when their car plunged into the Tagus river during the night.

Corsica bomb attack

Ajaccio, Sept 25.—Corsican separatist guerrillas destroyed an explosives factory in Saint Antoine, near Ajaccio, in a bomb attack today.

French rail strike

Paris, Sept 25.—France's two main rail unions wil hstart a four-day national strike on Sunday in support of pay demands and better working conditions.

Bombers fly the Atlantic in Nato support exercise

From a Correspondent
Ramstein air base,
West Germany, Sept 25

American strategic intercontinental B52 bombers are taking part in a Nato exercise for the first time, General John W. Pauly, Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe said here today.

They are being used as "external reinforcements" in their war roles in the exercise. Allied air forces provide an umbrella in support of ground troops of five large field training exercises, including "Griffins Galore", the British Corps eyercise held in West Germany by the different allied nations.

The B52 bombers carried out their high-level bombing tasks direct from bases in the United States. They crossed the Atlantic, "dropped" their bombs on simulated targets and returned in about 18 hours with mid-air refuelling, without landing in Europe.

Polish Primate's visit build 'bridge of reconciliation'

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Sept 25

Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, the Polish Primate, and Cardinal Joseph Höffner, chairman of the German bishops' conference, embraced warmly today at the end of a six-day visit by Cardinal Wyszynski to West Germany. Cardinal Höffner said the visit had completed the building of the "bridge of reconciliation" between Polish and West German Catholics after the horrors of the last war.

In a statement before leaving, Cardinal Wyszynski called for greater collaboration and understanding between Germans and Poles. He urged them "not always to be looking back to the past, although one must remember it in order not to repeat any errors". He said his visit, his first journey abroad except for trips to Rome in his 30 years as primate had been a "real pilgrimage".

Crowds of Germans people of Polish origin gre the Cardinal with warm plause in cathedrals in Mur Mainz and Cologne. He eight other Polish prelates accompanied him joined meetings of the German bis at Fulda and on Sunday he part in a memorial service more than 10,000 Poles died in the former Dachau centration camp.

Throughout his visit he emphasized the need for sides to work together peace and a Christian fu He hardly referred to the time atrocities. It was his man hosts who spoke of sins and guilt of the past who recalled the Polish bis letter of 1965 when they off their forgiveness. Car Wyszynski's visit brought process of reconciliation sta by that letter to its culmina

Refusal by girl to give evidence in sex case

A woman said to have sold a young girl's sexual services to a man known as Dr Quack was cleared at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday after the girl, aged 12, refused to give evidence against her.

Mrs Iris Ingham, aged 42, of Wrenbury Avenue, Withington, Manchester, had pleaded not guilty to two charges: encouraging a man to commit an indecent assault on the child and aiding and abetting him in the offence.

Murder case acquittal

Mrs Simone Mawson, aged 42, of Furness Avenue, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, was found not guilty by a jury at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday of murdering her lover, Maurice Whitney, licensee of the Royal Standard public house, in Dumfries Street, Luton.

Better pay tempting former policemen back to force

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, said in Preston, Lancashire, yesterday that the recently improved pay and conditions for the police had raised firm recruiting applications to the Metropolitan force by two fifths. Within that figure were a number of applications from former police officers who had left the service and now wanted to return.

There was evidence that the rates of premature and ordinary retirement were dropping because of the new pension arrangements.

Mr Albert Laugharne, recently appointed Chief Constable of Lancashire, whose force Mr Rees was visiting, said that while there had never been serious recruiting difficulties in Lancashire, more men and women were applying to join, and the quality was better. A few officers who had left were applying to come back.

Many more young people were wanting to become police cadets, with 2,000 applications recently received for 75 vacancies.

Asked whether those were encouraging signs in the general war against crime, Mr Rees said: "Keeping a policeman in his job is not only to do with pay".

Mr Laugharne said physical attacks on the police had increased, even in a partly rural county like Lancashire. A feeling that a policeman expected to be "walloped", did not exist when he first joined the service.

Attacks on policemen should always be followed by a public reaction, perhaps helpfully projected by the media, and a reaction in the courts in terms of harsher sentences, he said.

Parents keep children away from school

Parents of five children aged 11 are refusing to send them to Sir Bernard Lovell Comprehensive School, at Oldland Common, Bristol, because they contend the school lacks discipline and academic achievement.

The parents of four of them are paying private tutors £2 an hour to teach their children English and French. The fifth is being taught at home by his father, who is a teacher.

Mr Michael Vincent, aged 42, a bookmaker, has kept his daughter, Michelle, away since the start of term. He said: "This is the only school that does not publish the results and the parents feel this is because they are too bad."

Mr Norman Cresswell, headmaster of Sir Bernard Lovell school, said: "The academic record of any school which has former sixth formers coming out of university with degrees after the short time we have been open cannot be bad."

Party talks imminent in Portugal

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, Sept 25

Portugal's political parties are preparing for a new round of talks with President Eanes, who is once more faced with forming a workable Government.

His last attempt, after nominating Senhor Nobre da Costa, an independent, as Prime Minister, failed when Parliament rejected his programme.

The Nobre da Costa Government continues in a loose administrative capacity, however, until a new government is formed, and its temporary powers are at the moment under discussion, in view of the urgency to solve not only the present political crisis but important national and international affairs.

Among Portugal's immediate problems are the negotiations scheduled for next month on entry into the European Economic Community, the problem of the use of Lajes air base in the Azores by the United States and of Portugal's demands for financial compensation for this, and Portugal's candidature for membership of the United Nations Security Council.

Senhor Carlos Correia Gago, the Foreign Minister, is in New York at the moment to deal with this and other matters. Dr Jose Silva Lopes, the Finance Minister, is also in the United States to attend the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

A weekend statement by the Bank of Portugal let it be understood that Portugal was in a position to meet the terms of its letter of intent concerning the advance of £27m to release a loan of £405m by 14 countries to aid the Portuguese economy.

In a weekend television address to the nation, President Eanes once more criticized the intractible attitude of the political parties.

It is expected that the President will enter serious consultation with the political parties some time this week in the hope of getting them to collaborate in solving the crisis.

If he cannot come to terms with them there must inevitably be general elections before the prescribed date next year, meaning that little will be done in the meantim advance the country's and international position tically or economically.

In his weekend telev address, President Eanes outlined alternatives for ing the present govern difficulties. These str emphasized an understar between the political parti forming a government.

The reactions of the larger parliamentary parti this was cool. The Soci preferred his suggestion government with a p mentary majority but wi coalition as the most pra form of government, but some reservations. The co vative Social Democrats, second largest parliame party, insisted on a presi ally controlled government.

The Centre Democrats, had previously renounced pact with the former Soc Government, suggested logue with the Social D crats, while the Commu flattered themselves on having combined with other party in the camp against the President's ef

Plea to end dependence of West on petrol engines

By Our Planning Reporter

There was a need to find an alternative to the internal combustion engine, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission, said yesterday.

At the opening in London of the seventh World Planning Congress he said that the West would still need to import half its energy in 1990, even if there were further oil price increases and radical and effective conservation measures.

It was essential to break away from such dependence. Railways could be revitalized and there was a future for all kinds of electric vehicles.

Motor vehicles had led to urban sprawl and were the main cause of pollution in cities, he said. About 60,000 people were killed every year in road accidents in the EEC; roads scarred the countryside and destroyed the centres of historic towns; oil carried in supertankers spoiled the coastlines and the sea.

Mr Jenkins said pollution was closely linked to unemployment and inflation, the two evils besetting contemporary society.

Trying to spend our way out of unemployment had led to inflation, too great a pressure on resources, balance of payments problems and further economic difficulties.

What was needed first was a period of economic stability. The new financial arrangements involved in the European monetary system would be crucial in giving Europe the necessary climate to put into effect sound, long-term policies.

"It would be no mean role for Britain to join in such leadership", he said. "It would be a damagingly lost opportunity if she did not."

No alternative: Sir Barrie Heath, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said that it was astonishing that a man of Mr Jenkins's political stature and economic acumen should appear so ill informed about the basic facts of the industrial world (the Press Association reports).

"There is no technological likelihood of an early alternative to the car, bus and truck", Sir Barrie said. "By Mr Jenkins's own figures, 86 per cent of the energy used in the EEC is consumed for purposes other than transport, notably for electricity generation, industry and heating, all of which can be achieved from other sources."

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Mr Vance flies home encouraged from Middle East meetings

From David Cross
Washington, Sept 25

Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, returned to Washington early today, encouraged because neither the Jordanians nor the Saudi Arabians had ruled out the possibility of joining future peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

On board his aircraft from Damascus, the last stop on his six-day Middle East tour, Mr Vance told journalists that he had always expected to have to answer "serious, hard questions" about the Camp David agreements.

"My own feeling is that we were able to give sound answers and I still feel, as I did when I left the United States, that the frameworks provide the basis for a real peace in the Middle East", he added.

Soon after his arrival in Washington he visited the White House to report to President Carter and his colleagues on the outcome of his talks. He was later flying to New York to hold a series of meetings with overseas dignatories attending this week's United Nations General Assembly session.

Summarizing the attitudes of the Jordanians and the Saudis to the Camp David agreements, a State Department spokesman said today that both governments had been "vitally interested" in Mr Vance's detailed explanations of the accords and "vitally concerned" about the peace process. He expected that both countries would continue to assess their positions until a number of points had been clarified.

Asked about reports that the Saudis would now end economic aid to Egypt, the spokesman said he had "no reason to believe" that such was their intention. The subject had not arisen during the meetings with Mr Vance, he added.

Meanwhile Mr Alfred Atherton, the Administration's special Middle East envoy, is continuing to brief a number of governments on the Camp David accords and other related developments. His two-week tour will embrace Iran, Jordan, Israel and Cairo, as well as some north African and West European countries.

Amman: President Assad of Syria is arriving in Jordan *tomorrow for talks with King* Husain. His visit opens a flurry of Arab diplomatic activity crucial to the fate of the Camp David accords.

Diplomatic sources said Mr Atherton would probably visit Amman on Wednesday to try to persuade King Husain to join the peace moves. However his visit might be delayed by an expected tour of Arab states by the king. Palace sources said he would first fly to Saudi Arabia.—UPI.

Casablanca: Mr Muhammad Boucetta, the Moroccan Foreign Minister, indicated today that Morocco would attempt to act as a mediator between Egypt and moderate Arab nations and prevent the total isolation of Egypt as a result of the Camp David accords.

He told reporters: "Morocco will strive to maintain Arab unity and make the necessary contacts to achieve this", referring to meetings with the officials of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. —UPI.

Rhodesia talks must come soon –Dr Owen

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, gave warning yesterday that if a conference on Rhodesia was not arranged in the near future, a military solution would be "unstoppable".

Speaking on his departure for the United Nations meeting in New York, Dr Owen said the sooner a conference was agreed, the better. "I have wanted an all-party conference since April and many times we have been on the brink of setting one up. But if it doesn't come soon, the momentum of the armed forces, particularly the Patriotic Front, to a military solution will be unstoppable."

Dr Owen, who will be addressing the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday, would not confirm a date for any conference, commenting that he did not want to promise anything and then fail to deliver.

Expressing his disappointment at South Africa's rejection of the Western plan for elections in Namibia, he said that the position now was very serious. "I believe we nearly had an agreement which could have had a profound effect on southern Africa. It is not totally impossible to put our plan back on the rails but it will be difficult." Meaningful discussion could not be held until the South African leadership was resolved.

He still felt that a policy of sanctions could be used against South Africa, but only on condition that the rest of the world agreed to back it. Sanctions, Dr Owen believed, represented a legitimate form of persuasion. "It would be wrong to conclude from what happened in Rhodesia that sanctions are ineffective. But we must be realistic."

While in New York, Dr Owen, who was accompanied yesterday by Mr Ted Rowlands, Foreign Office minister dealing with Latin American affairs, will meet Señor Rafael Castillo Valdez, the Guatemalan Foreign Minister, to discuss Belize. The talks will be the first since the new Guatemalan administration came to office earlier this year.

Nicholas Ashford writes from Johannesburg: A spokesman for the British Embassy in Pretoria denied reports that Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, had sent a message via the embassy inviting Mr Callaghan for talks on Rhodesia.



Rhodesians display a novel anti-terrorist weapon, a multi-directional shotgun, which can be mounted on a car roof and rotated and fired from inside.

Mozambique raids 'kill hundreds'

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Sept 25

Rhodesian security forces killed hundreds of guerrillas for the loss of two dead and two slightly wounded during their four-day raid into Mozambique last week, the military command claimed tonight. It was also disclosed that many raids had been made into Zambia recently, inflicting "considerable casualties" among guerrillas there.

The statement listed seven other previously undisclosed operations in Mozambique and Zambia in the past three months and said they would continue.

Confirming earlier reports that Rhodesian forces began last week's operation on the morning of September 19 the communiqué said they had attacked 25 Zanla bases spread over a wide area in the vicinity of the town of Chimoio (Zanla is the military arm of Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu wing of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance).

Because of the widespread nature and speed of the operation, it was not possible to give accurate casualty figures, but hundreds of guerrillas were believed to have been killed. It had been necessary, for defensive reasons, to eliminate armoured elements of the Frelimo Army who entered the area of the bases.

Bases had been destroyed, hundreds of guerrillas killed outright with hundreds more lying around in the bush dying of their wounds and with still more in hospitals. Arms, ammunition, food and clothing had been destroyed or seized, having a marked effect on the guerrillas' ability to deploy forces in Rhodesia.

From captured documents it was learnt that among 276 black prisoners held by the guerrillas at Nehanda on September 19 were 10 members of the Rhodesian police and three Selous Scouts. Another document revealed that four of 264 prisoners held at this base in September had been whites. The four were probably John Kernley, aged 17, from Bulawayo; Johannes Hendrik Maastens, from Headlands; Thomas Wigglesworth, from Umtali and James Black, from Melsetter.

Other captured documents included a letter dated September 11 headed "Gunmen in Beira" which included the possibility of the assassination of high ranking Zanu officials. There was a rough sketch plan of the border city of Umtali and marks believed to indicate positions from which the city was to be mortared.

The statement went on to say there had been concern in Rhodesia about the level of activity against terrorists. In fact external operations were "ongoing exercises" and would be maintained.

The command statement said that internal operations were continued at a high level and guerrilla casualties were already close to those for the whole of 1977. "The terrorist is not winning this war."

Neck-and-neck race for Vorster post

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Sept 25

South Africa, unlike Britain, has no equivalent of Ladbrokes, prepared to call the odds on political races as well as those involving quadrupeds.

But if political punters could bet on who was going to succeed Mr John Vorster as Prime Minister, it is likely that they would be offered even money on two of the three contestants.

The two front-runners in the prime ministerial stakes are at present neck-and-neck. They are Mr P. W. Botha, Defence Minister and head of the National Party in the Cape and Dr C. P. Mulder, Minister for Plural Relations and party leader in the Transvaal.

The third runner, Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, although still some lengths behind, has been making a sudden sprint. An astute bookmaker would have reduced his odds from 10-1 last week to 5-1 now.

Supporters of all three say their candidates have made headway during the weekend. Dr Mulder is said to have picked up a few more votes after a report in *Die Transvaler* which claimed that a special inquiry into the Department of Information scandal had cleared his name.

Mr P. W. Botha, so his supporters claim, has won a few more converts with a tough weekend speech in which he attacked the West for its failure to stand up to Marxist encroachment in southern Africa. It is a favourite theme of his.

As for Mr R. F. Botha, an opinion poll found he was overwhelmingly favoured by the white community, both English and Afrikaans-speaking. The poll showed he had more than 80 per cent support compared with only 11 per cent for Mr P. W. Botha, and less than 5 per cent for Dr Mulder.

However, the choice lies not with the white public but with the 172 members of the party caucus who meet in Cape Town on Thursday. If there is a vote it will be the first for 20 years.

Students face death penalty over 1976 Soweto revolt

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Sept 25

The first big political trial arising from the June, 1976, Soweto uprising got under way today when 11 Soweto students appeared in court on charges under the Terrorism Act. All 11—one young woman and 10 young men—face possible death sentences. They pleaded not guilty.

In a scene now familiar at black political trials, the accused entered the tiny courtroom at Kempton Park near Johannesburg singing freedom songs and giving the clenched fist "black power" salutes. They also hugged and kissed members of their families whom they had not seen since they were detained more than a year and a half ago, except during a brief appearance in a magistrate's court last July.

The 56-page indictment alleges that as officers, members or supporters of the Soweto Students' Representative Council (SSRC) they conspired to commit sedition and terrorism between May, 1976, and October, 1977. The SSRC was banned along with other Black Consciousness organizations on October 19 last year.

The indictment says that the accused and others took part in a series of 29 meetings at which they are said to have planned the June 16, 1976, protest against the use of Afrikaans as a teaching medium in Soweto schools; called for protest marches and rallies to keep blacks away from their work; demonstrated how to make petrol bombs; planned demonstrations against the visit to South Africa by Dr Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State; and organized the memorial demonstrations on the first anniversary of the Soweto unrest.

Mr K. Van Lieres, the prosecutor (who also appeared for the state at the inquest into the death of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader) said it might not be possible to attribute any particular act to any particular person but they were all responsible for the activities organized at the 29 meetings. He said the SSRC had been formed from an action committee comprising members of the South African Students' Movement, another group banned last October.

Mr Ernest Wentzel, senior counsel appearing for 10 of the 11, said the accused did not know the exact nature of the case they had to face, and therefore could not prepare themselves properly. He asked the state to provide more information, including the names of people who would be called as state witnesses.

No secret deals, Mr Begin asserts

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applied only to the three-month period of negotiations with Egypt. He would be writing to President Carter on the matter. He assured the Knesset that no secret agreements had been signed at Camp David.

Mr Begin ended by saying that Israel was experiencing "one of the great events of our generation". After 30 years and five wars it was possible, "with great sacrifices", for Israel to sign a peace treaty with one of its Arab neighbours. There was a basis for the belief that it might soon be possible to sign peace treaties with its other neighbours. It was an historic turning point.

For the Opposition, Mr Shimon Peres, the Leader of the Labour Party, praised the Israeli delegation to the summit for having had the courage to make "vital and difficult" decisions.

Mr Peres spoke sympathetically of the fate of the settlers in Sinai who, he said, had been sent out by the whole country as pioneers, and were now being described as obstacles to peace. But, he concluded, there was no alternative to accepting the Camp David agreements. To do otherwise would leave Israel entirely isolated internationally.

Protest at accords: About 500 Israelis from farming settlements in the occupied West Bank of Jordan and northern Sinai converged on the city by car and tractor *today in a protest* over the peace accords. Police set up roadblocks to prevent them from reaching the Knesset building.

In Yamit, the biggest Israeli settlement in Sinai, about 500 settlers and their supporters from all over the country demonstrated in the town square today in protest at the Government's intention to order them from their homes.—UPI.

Three new parties emerge in Nigeria

Lagos, Sept 25.—Three political parties have emerged since the 12-year-old ban on political activities in Nigeria was lifted last Thursday.

Chief Obafemi Awolowo, whose parapolitical Committee of Friends had long been regarded as the best structured organization before the ban was lifted, was first off the mark by announcing the formation of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN). It is a few hours older than its two declared opponents, the Nigerian Peoples Party (NPP) and the National Party of Nigeria (NPN).

Chief Awolowo, whose own presidential ambitions are not in doubt, has retained the allegiance of many of his former followers in the old Western Nigeria-based Action Group, but has also attracted fresh support from elsewhere in the federation.

At a press conference last Friday the chief set out a four-point programme calling for free education at all levels as from October, 1979, an integrated rural development scheme, full employment and free health services for all.

The NPP unites three of the embryo political groups formed during the underground politics of the period of the ban—the National Union Council, Club 19 (for the 19 states) and the Council for National Unity and Progress.

Most prominent among its many top members is Waziri Ibrahim, the former federal minister and member of the old *Northern People's Congress*. At the party's inaugural press conference Alhaji Ibrahim also set out an equal opportunity, full employment and free education programme and listed the names of 42 nationally-known figures from all corners of the country.

The list of prominent members of the widely based NPN reads almost like the roll of honour of prominent Nigerian civilians. Former federal ministers Shehu Shagari, Richard Akinjide, Joseph Tarka and Inua Wada are joined by Major-General Adeyinka Adebayo and the former Inspector General of Police, Kam Selem, as well as several members of the recently-dissolved Constituent Assembly.

But the weakness of the young NPN's foundations are illustrated by the reported disaffection of the popular former minister, Aminu Kano, who had been tipped to take one of the key posts.—Agence France-Presse.

Mugabe vision of Marxist justice tailored to Africa

From Lawrence Pintak
Maputo, Sept 25

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Rhodesian nationalist leader who has been fighting for 18 years to free his people from white domination, sees Marxism not as something that will lay waste to an independent Zimbabwe, but rather as a system that will ensure that all members of the society will reap the collective benefits of freedom.

"I don't know why a lot of people in the West don't like me", he says in his soft, articulate manner.

"Western society claims to be pursuing Christian principles. Is there anything to beat the principle of social togetherness, justice to the whole people, rather than justice to a few (such as) Rockefeller and Ford? Therein lies the whole basis of social justice."

Mozambique, where Mr Mugabe and his Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) wing of the militant Patriotic Front are based, has established a society where factories and farms are run by their workers, where all apartment buildings have been nationalized, where hundreds of thousands who could never read or write are now attending school, where up-country peasants are now benefiting from mass vaccination.

The judicial process is inadequate, as it is in most African countries, capitalist or socialist, shortages abound and many of the luxuries and modern convenience enjoyed by the Portuguese have vanished.

Surprising to the outsider is the fact that the people seem generally happy. The country is not the cold, impersonal place often pictured in the West. Those Portuguese who have remained joke about what they have lost, then become serious and say: "But now we are all equal."

Mozambique, Mr Mugabe says, has tailored Marxism-Leninism to the African experience.

"If we are poor together, then that's acceptable. But if we are poor because a few individuals are rich, then obviously I can't accept that system."

Mr Mugabe, who spent 1964 to 1974 in Rhodesian detention cells, insists that Zimbabwe will be a non-racial state, with whites welcome to remain, as they have been in Mozambique. But he does not hide the fact that the whites who stay will not find it easy and he offers no guarantees. Land will be nationalized, industry taken over by the state and privilege eliminated.

He has no intention of modelling Zimbabwe after the Soviet Union, or any other socialist state. He sees Africa as unique—indeed African life is traditionally centred around a communal system—and the Zanu leader hopes to draw the best elements from various socialist societies, as Mozambique has tried to do.

Mr Mugabe is adamant that democratic elections must be held in Rhodesia before independence. If change comes on the battlefield, "it means those who have won will rule for some time before going to elections."

Not until then will the world know whether Mr Mugabe is sincere in his desire to build a society based on equality and justice for all, or if he is the potential tyrant that so many believe.

British Week opened in Siberia

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Sept 25

British Week, the largest and most varied exhibition of contemporary British culture ever shown in the Soviet Union, opened today in Novosibirsk.

Sir Curtis Keeble, the British Ambassador in Moscow, officially opened the five main exhibitions in a Palace of Culture. He said it was significant that the week was being held in the capital of Siberia, an area with a vast potential for future development.

Sir Curtis was accompanied by Sir Fitzroy Maclean, the writer, a frequent visitor to this country who will be the British host for the rest of the week.

The Week, which lasts until Saturday, has been sponsored by the Great Britain-USSR Society and its equivalent organization in this country. It is a long-delayed return exhibition for Soviet Week in Leeds in 1966. Political strains and other difficulties have twice postponed the return invitation until now.

Though there are exhibitions of British technology, the week is wholly non-commercial, with the aim of making British culture and arts more widely known. As well as being only the second such concentrated foreign cultural event in Novosibirsk, a city of over a million people, it is the first time an important British exhibition has been held so far east in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet authorities, evidently pleased by the first friendly official British interest in their country for some months, have cooperated enthusiastically in the arrangements.

Senior officials at the opening today included local party officials and Mr Alexei Surkov, a poet who is president of the USSR-Great Britain Society.

The exhibitions are all grouped together in the Builders' Palace of Culture, a large new building with exhibition rooms, cinemas and lecture halls. On display will be British art books which have been on tour of the Soviet Union since the spring; an exhibition of British links with Siberia; Scotland—Tradition and Technology, which will emphasize North Sea oil developments; a photographic display of award-winning British designs; and an exhibition called Britain Today, which is later to travel to other parts of the Soviet Union, starting with Baku.

The Week will include a series of lectures on poetry, science and the arts. There will be a full programme of recitals by musicians including Mr Terence Judd, the young British pianist who reached the finals of this summer's Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow, and Mr James Dalton, the organist, who has been on a well-acclaimed tour of the Soviet Union for the past week. A Scottish piper in full regalia will play outside the Palace of Culture.

The event is being seen as of considerable importance in strengthening Britain's cultural links with the Soviet Union, as well as putting political relations on a better plane after the displeasure expressed to the Russians after the summer dissident trials.

Thailand holds 500 in jail without trial

From Our Correspondent
Bangkok, Sept 25

A Thai official disclosed today that 500 political prisoners were being held without trial in Thailand.

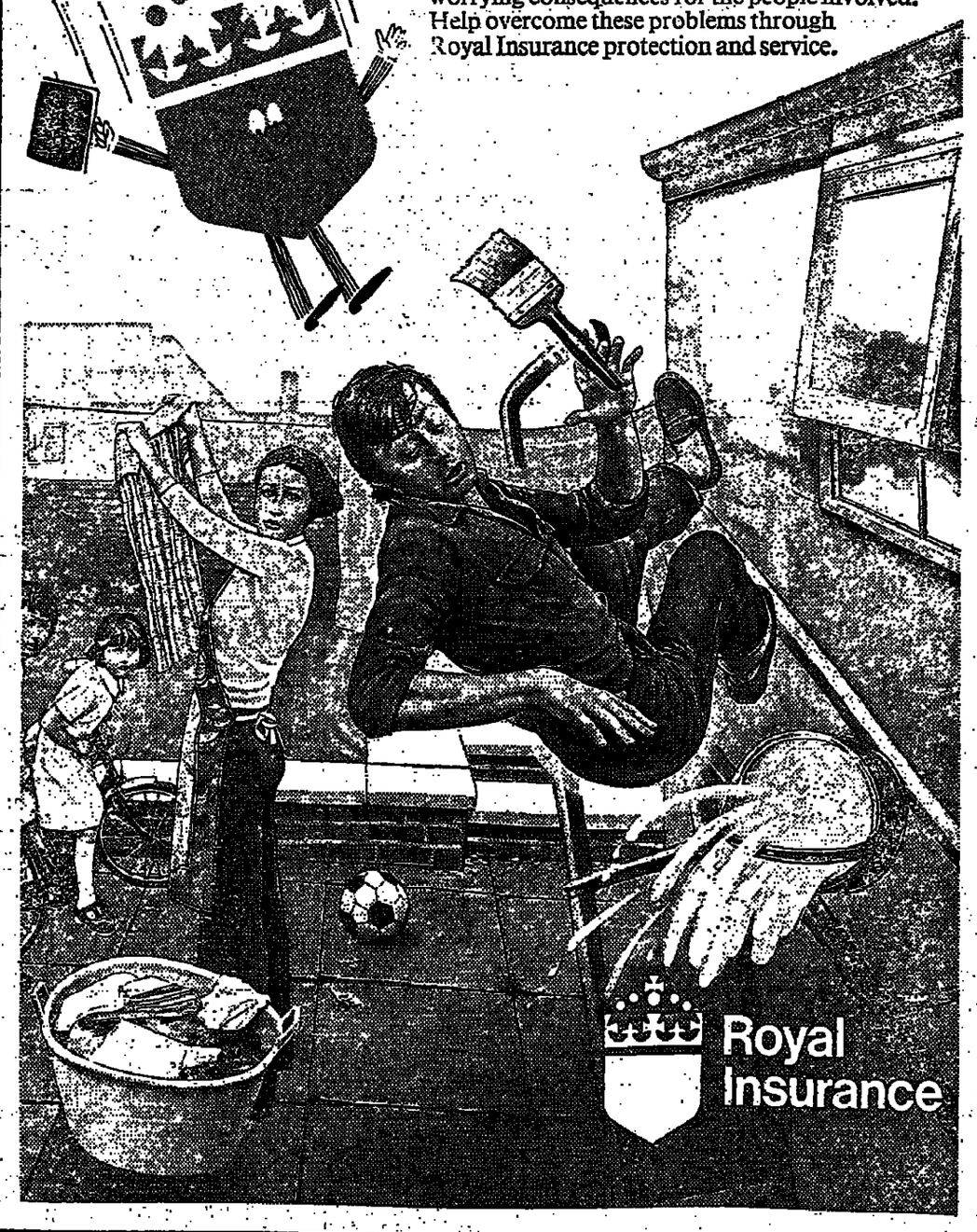
The Secretary of the Corrections Department said "not more than" that number were being held on the instructions of the National Reform Council, the governing military junta. They were regarded as "detrimental to society". Four months ago the Thai Government dismissed as untrue an Amnesty International claim that there were 3,000 political prisoners.

At the time a Foreign Ministry spokesman said there were not more than 20 and that 19 were then standing trial. Those 19 were released by special amnesty 10 days ago.

One of their lawyers, Mr Thongbai Thongpao, said today he believed there were many more than 500 political prisoners. He was himself a political prisoner of a previous military regime from 1958 to 1966.

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OVERSEAS

Hanoi accuses Peking of massing tanks and troops on frontier

From Peter Hazelhurst
Singapore, Sept 25

Revealing a new phase of tension on the Asian continent, Vietnam today accused China of massing large units of troops, aircraft, tanks, and heavy artillery on the Sino-Vietnamese border.

Quoting from the military journal *Quandoi Nhan Dan* Hanoi radio claimed that Chinese formations were poised on the border on two fronts. Although the radio did not name the areas, Western military attachés in Singapore believe that tension has increased on the borders of Yunnan and Kwangsi, China's two southern provinces.

Last week China accused Vietnam of having sent troops and militia men into Chinese territory in the regions of Ho Kou, in Yunnan, and Ping Hsiang, in Kwangsi, two big crossing points through which supplies were channelled to Hanoi during the war in Vietnam.

Adding fuel to the tense situation on the Sino-Vietnamese border today, Hanoi radio declared: "Whole divisions of infantry equipped with thousands of artillery pieces, hundreds of fighter planes and armoured cars are poised in two Chinese military regions bordering Vietnam. Various types of ships are carrying out acts of provocations in Vietnam."

The radio went on to claim that China had started the military build-up to encourage reactionaries and the Hoa—ethnic Chinese—to act as saboteurs in Vietnam.

"Chinese vessels have fired on fishermen in Vietnam's territorial waters, their troops have provoked Vietnamese border guards and security personnel and they have exploded mines in our waters to prevent people from fishing", the radio claimed. Vietnam also accused China of giving 20,000 ethnic-Chinese refugees military training.

The accusation, the latest in a series of charges and counter-charges which have been exchanged by the two communist countries in recent months, diminishes any hope that the feuding neighbours might settle their dispute at the negotiating table.

An estimated 160,000 Chinese refugees from Vietnam have fled into China since relations between Peking and Hanoi deteriorated early this year. In June China, once Vietnam's principal ally, cut off all aid.

A series of talks in Peking broke down after a verbal clash last week, when Mr Chung Hsi-tung, the head of the Chinese delegation, accused Vietnam of launching a war against Cambodia and concentrating troops in Laos in "a move to control the whole of Indo-China, and then go on to expand its hold over the whole of South-east Asia".

At the same time Hanoi claimed that China has embarked on a 15-year plan to subjugate Vietnam and other parts of Asia.

The situation on the Vietnam-Cambodian border also continues tense. Last week Hanoi radio alleged that Cambodian troops had crossed the border and killed 19 people.

Opposition editor predicts Nicaragua will have new government by end of this year

General Somoza 'political victim of own ruthlessness'

From Stephen Downer
Managua, Sept 25

Señor Xavier Chamorro, editor and general director of Nicaragua's opposition newspaper, *La Prensa* believes that the Somoza regime will be overthrown soon.

"The new republic will come. It will come this year", he said in an interview, though he gave no indication of how the opposition intends to oust General Anastasio Somoza, who has shown over the past few weeks that he has the firepower to put down a rebellion.

The towns of Matagalpa, Masaya, Chinandega and Esteli and the city of Leon are proof of that. Large sections of them are in ruins and thousands of people are dead, homeless, displaced, hunted or jailed.

"The death toll in Esteli alone may be more than 1,000", Mr Raymond Chevalley, an International Red Cross Committee delegate, said over the weekend.

The ruthlessness with which President Somoza's richly rewarded National Guard quashed the uprisings "has killed Somoza politically", Señor Chamorro told me.

It was the assassination last January of Xavier Chamorro's brother, Pedro Joaquin, Nicaragua's most popular opposition politician and journalist, that caused demonstrations and a two-week general strike.

"I don't see how he can physically rebuild Nicaragua. I don't see any government or financial institution lending him money. He could destroy the towns and cities again. The people are even more determined now to get rid of him", Señor Chamorro said.

Carter envoy's visit: Mr William Jordan, a special envoy from President Carter, met General Somoza for more than two hours to discuss the situation in Nicaragua, the Government newspaper *Novedades* reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Somoza Government today launched a campaign of anti-communist propaganda blaming the left for the destruction.—UPI.

"Provisional government": A provisional government of movements opposed to President Somoza was formed in Nicaragua on Friday, it was announced in Brussels today by Señor Miguel Castaneda, a Sandinist National Liberation Front representative.

He said the provisional government was led by Sergio Ramirez Mercado of the so-called group of 12 comprising middle-class progressive personalities. The Democratic Liberation Union and the Democratic Movement of Nicaragua were also represented and the Sandinistas had pledged their support and would join the Government after president Somoza had been ousted. Agence France-Presse.

"Buried alive" claim: Reports reaching London spoke of continued brutality with 23 young men shot dead by Government forces in a León street, and some victims of another execution being buried alive (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Refugees total: About 7,300 refugees from Nicaragua have fled to Honduras and 300 to Costa Rica, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said in Geneva.—Reuter.

'Life' back with record advertising

From Michael Leapman
New York, Sept 25

Nearly six years after it ceased publication as a weekly magazine, *Life* returned to the news stands this morning as a monthly. The revived magazine, with 140 pages of mostly colour pictures printed on good quality paper, has a more prominent title banner than the old one, but is in other respects remarkably similar.

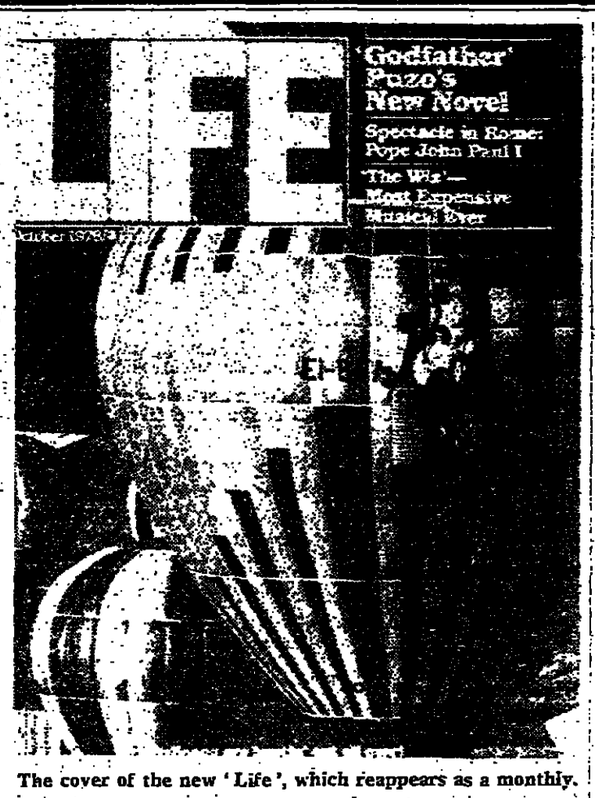
Founded in 1936, *Life* pioneered a style of dramatic photo-journalism which was copied throughout the world and which thrived through the 1940s and 1950s. It lost some of its relevance as a news medium when television developed the capacity for often more thrilling moving pictures of current events and delivered them to people's homes at a speed that no weekly publication could rival.

Even so, when it closed in 1972, *Life* was selling an impressive 5,500,000 copies a week. The reason it was failing commercially had to do with its distribution pattern rather than its editorial content.

Most of the readers had *postal subscriptions, which they* could buy at rates below the 50-cent weekly cover price. With postage costs increasing and advertising erratic due to the ups and downs of the economy, the publishers could not make a profit.

The new monthly *Life* costs three times as much as the old one. Subscriptions are available but will cost the same—$18 a year. The initial print order is for a modest 700,000 copies.

The first issue of 140 pages carries 56 pages of advertising, bringing in a revenue of $348,568. The publishers, Time Incorporated, say this is a record for the first issue of any magazine.



The cover of the new 'Life', which reappears as a monthly.

The contents are an amalgam of the stunning photography which was a feature of the old *Life* and of gossipy features about glamourous personalities.

In the first category is a series of magnificent photographs of Antarctica, some pictures of dogs catching Frisbees, of sets from a new film and a feature on a child with brain damage. In the second category are articles and pictures on the Shah of Iran, the new Pope, the teenage film actress Brooke Shields and, inevitably, Mrs Jacqueline Onassis.

Indicative of how the magazine is playing safe in terms of contents, at least in its first edition, is its longest piece of text, an excerpt from a new novel by Mario Puzo. This defines its aim as being to sell to middlebrow readers who buy *Mr Puzo's novels (he wrote The Godfather)* in their millions, and who apparently never tire of seeing pictures of Mrs Onassis.

World Bank critical of US help for poor

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Sept 25

Mr Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, said today that there was a serious danger that at least "600 million individual human beings will be living in absolute poverty at the end of this century".

The number "living at the very margin" in the year 2000 could be far greater unless new policies were introduced now by the industrial nations, he told the bank's annual meeting. Even the slightly better-off developing countries faced acute problems in the next few years, while the very poorest were in desperate circumstances.

The prospects for the developing countries were deteriorating because of the gathering momentum of trade protectionism in the industrial nations, Mr McNamara said. What was urgently needed was a "more rational framework of trade relations through which excessive barriers can be more rapidly dismantled" and clearer criteria to govern those barriers that had to be imposed to deal with strictly temporary difficulties.

He added that to achieve even modest real growth in the poorest nations—rates that would not suffice to eliminate entirely the prospect of desperate hunger for millions—concessionary aid must be greatly increased by the industrial countries. He was particularly critical of the performance of the United States, West Germany and Japan.

In 1970 the United Nations called on developed countries to provide annually the equivalent of just 0.7 per cent of their gross national products to poor countries through concessionary lending.

But criticism was also made of the developing countries themselves. Mr McNamara said they must modify their economic plans to raise productivity among the very poor

In brief

Soup was made of man's hands

Tokyo, Sept 25.—At least *people unsuspectingly* ate hands of a murdered g leader that had been cooke a soup and served at a Chi street stall here on July police said today.

Shoichi Murakami was ki with kitchen knives by five and his body cut into sr pieces to avoid identificat they said. The hands were in the soup to get rid of fin prints. Five people have b arrested.

Storm hits Vietnam

Bangkok, Sept 25.—A trop storm has struck the north Vietnam province of Khu-bo and was expected to move southern provinces which l already been devastated floods.

Seminar on torture

Amnesty International is organize a seminar on tortur Mexico next year, with part lar reference to Latin Ame Mr Martin Ennals, the se tary-general, said yesterda will be designed to discu programme of action.

Freedom for 2,000

Jakarta, Sept 25.—The I nesian Government will rel another 2,000 political priso on Wednesday the State Se tariat said.

White student jeered

Davis, California, Sept 2 About 100 students jeered Allan Bakke, the white who won a legal battle to c the University of Califor Medical School, when he a ded his first class.

Dissident to leave

Moscow, Sept 25.—V Nekhaev, the dissident S novelist, has been authori leave the Soviet Union wit family, dissident sources sa

Karpov escapes from noise of lawnmower

Baguio, Philippines, Sept 25.—The world chess champion, Anatoly Karpov, today left his luxury hotel because of a noisy lawnmower and an influx of tourists. He moved to a country club in the tranquil depths of a pine forest.

Karpov, a late sleeper who goes to bed around dawn, is thought to be showing tiredness in the gruelling 10-week-old battle to retain his world crown. He leads by four to two against the challenger, Viktor Korchnoi.

It seems that Karpov has not been sleeping well. His assistants told match officials that on at least one occasion he had faced Korchnoi over the chessboard after only one hour's

In their twenty-sixth clash tomorrow, Karpov plays white giving him first move.—Reuter.

Mrs Gandhi asks permission to visit Britain

Delhi, Sept 25.—Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Indian Prime Minister, today applied to a Delhi court for permission to visit Britain from November 10 to 19 to take part in celebrations connected with the anniversary of the birth of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Mrs Gandhi, who is being prosecuted for allegedly misusing her official position to acquire a large number of cars for electioneering last year and on numerous other charges, has been forbidden to leave the country without the court's permission.

In her application, she told the court that she was prepared to furnish any sureties or guarantees to ensure her return.

Jawaharlal Nehru was India's first post-independence Prime Minister from 1947 until his death in 1964.—Reuter.

Iraq lifts restrictions on Shia leader

Teheran, Sept 25.—Iraq has withdrawn restrictive measures imposed on Ayatollah Khomeyni, the exiled Iranian religious leader, a spokesman for Iran's Shia Muslims said in the community's holy city of Qom today. The report was based on "information received at Qom", he added.

He welcomed the Iraqi move but also criticized the original decision by the Baghdad authorities to restrict the ayatollah's activities in the first place.

Reports that Ayatollah Khomeyni was being restricted came from an Iranian human rights group in Paris. Their statement said that "Iraq, bowing to pressure from Iran, has cut off visits" to the home of the ayatollah.—Agence France-Presse.

Tony Allaway writes from Teheran: Mr Javad Sayeed, secretary-general of Iran's once all-powerful Rastakhiz (Resurgence) Party tonight strongly denied newspaper reports that the death of the party was imminent.

Evening newspapers had quoted him as saying after a meeting of party officials today that they had agreed the party should be dissolved.

But Mr Sayeed said tod it had been agreed that Ra khiz would continue to func as an ordinary, indepen party.

He added that the pa character would have to *amended to take note of* new situation although would continue to remain to its three main principl the constitution, the monar and the series of reforms l ched by the Shah.

All the party's many pub tions, apart from its main d newspaper, would cease pu cation, he added.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
Ministry of Public Works
135 rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers
Directorate of Roadworks and Road Signs

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER
EASTBOUND MOTORWAY FROM ALGIERS

The Ministry of Public Works is inviting national and international tenders for three (3) major bridge construction projects:
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—Bridge spanning the Algiers-Constantine railway line and carrying the CW 149 two-lane double-carriageway road. Surface area approx. 1,700 m².

These three bridge construction projects are planned for the Algiers region, within 12 km of the city.

Tenders may be submitted for all three projects.

The eastbound motorway project also includes the future construction of a road viaduct, four curved ramps at the level of the Pont des Fusilles, seven interchanges, one tunnel and one railway viaduct. Consultations on these projects will commence in the near future.

Tender documents for these three projects are available to interested parties as from 26 September 1978 against payment of 200 DA from Direction de l'Infrastructure Routière, Ministère des Travaux Publics, 135 rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers, Algeria.

Tenders should be sent in two envelopes to Ministere des Travaux Publics, at Monsieur le Directeur de l'Infrastructure Routiere.

The deadline for acceptance of tenders is noon on 30 November 1978.

Bidders will be bound by their offers for a period of 90 days from the date of posting.

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No. 9001/78

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Bids should be sent by registered post in two closed and sealed envelopes and should be to hand by 15 October 1978 at the latest. The outer envelope should be addressed to SONATRACH, Division Engineering et Développment, Direction Travaux et Constructions, Villa "Les Arbres", rue Shakespeare, El-Mouradia, Algiers, Algiers, and be marked "Appel d'offres pour la fourniture de Pompes de Remplissage et à Haute pression—A ne pas ouvrir. Appel d'Offres No. 9001/78".

Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
Ministry of Public Works
Directorate of Roadworks and Road Signs

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

The Ministry of Public Works is inviting tenders for carrying out development work over 40 kilometres on Route Nationale No. 5 between Boudeuaou and Lakhdaria. These works will be financed with the help of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The construction work has ben divided into two lots, but tenders may be submitted for both of them.

Lot No. 1: Complete road construction, including ancillary engineering work but excluding bridges.
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"Length of two-lane road with lane for heavy loads on hard shoulder 20 km
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"Road foundation work 600,000 m³
"Drainage and ancillary road engineering work.

Lot No. 2: Construction of 14 bridges in reinforced prestressed concrete, total surface area 6,800 m².

Both lots to be completed within 28 months.

Tender documents are available from the address below as from 1st October 1978 on payment of 500 Dinars. As specified in the Tender Conditions, the final date for acceptance of tenders has been fixed for 15 January 1979, at noon, at Direction des Infrastructures Routières et de la Signalisation, Ministere des Travaux Publics, 135 rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers, Algeria.

Further information is available on request from the above address.

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The Government of Kenya invites tenders for Contract MCS 6—Construction of Mombasa Distribution System including the supply of pipes and fittings.

The Contract comprises the supply and construction of approximately 50 kilometres of distribution pipelines in the sizes 500mm down to 100mm diameter, within the Mombasa Island, West and North Mainland areas.

Firms who wish to be issued with tender documents should apply in writing to:

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Nairobi, Kenya

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MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT
INVITATION TO TENDER
MOMBASA AND COASTAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Government of Kenya invites tenders for Contract MCS 13—Construction of Mtivapa Vipingo, Mazeras, Takaungu, Kilifi, Township and Tezo-Roka Distribution Systems including the supply of pipes and fittings.

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William Gaunt: London Scenes
Parkin Fine Art

Discovery and rediscovery time around the London galleries. Of the discoveries, Nicholas Evans is *the* most extraordinary. His is a picturesque story which makes good copy but may possibly distract from a proper appreciation of his work. Up to retiring age in 1972 he was an engine driver; at that point he started to paint, using a method of his own devising, which consists of applying the paint (all black) to white-primed boards (all four feet square) with his fingers. He has had no schooling in art, and knows little about its technique or its history, though he admits to having acquired a liking for Van Gogh.

Hence, you might suppose, another more or less talented, more or less interesting primitive. Not a bit of it. Walking into a gallery full of his paintings—which you can also do in Cardiff now, to a simultaneous one-man show at Oriel—you are immediately conscious that here is a sophisticated painter, completely in control of his style and his subject-matter. There is nothing hit-or-miss about these paintings. The paint is built up slowly, lovingly, in a way that sometimes, bizarrely, recalls the work of another eccentric outsider, Denton Welch—the same sort of rusticated textures, the same impression that the paint-layers are at once crumbly and glutinous. And the compositions are often extraordinarily intricate and sustained over the whole sizable surface. In the London show, for instance, paintings like *Women Hauling the Sleigh* or *Collapse of the Roof* have the dynamic intensity of a coiled spring: forced like an early Rossetti drawing (another unlikely comparison) within the constrictions of the frame, they yet have none of Rossetti's static quality—they are bursting to get out.

This may well have something to do with the dramatic expression of the subject-matter, which is exclusively concerned with the mines and mostly with the claustrophobia of underground. Very occasionally there will be a domestic scene above ground like *Dreams very often come true* which slips over into a (very personal) modification of a Victorian anecdotal style, but for the most part Evans seems to have sprung fully armed out of nowhere. He is difficult to account for and, now that he has arrived, impossible to ignore.

It is hard to say whether Mackintosh the painter (as apart from and subsequent to Mackintosh the architect) is a discovery or a rediscovery. Certainly before the big exhibition of his watercolours which started in Edinburgh and has now come down to London, few of us realized just what an original and effective painter he was, since the paintings, if known at all, tended to be regarded as mainly a personally, if not artistically, rather sad footnote to his very innovative life as an architect. But seen all together like this, along with pages from earlier sketchbooks, they stand very firmly on their own merits. Especially the analytical landscapes, in which we can clearly see how the architect's habits of mind continue to inform the painter's pencil and brush.

Obscurity can come about in other ways. Extravagant longevity will do it almost every time. Take the cases of Denys Wells and Montague Smyth. Wells was born in 1881 and died in 1973, still painting. Part of the great generation at the Slade, he had considerable success in rather the style of Tonks, then slipped into decent anonymity for most except his fellow artists. His oils, though the domestic scenes especially have a period charm, are a little stiff, but his topographical watercolours are excellent: he seems to have found infinite satisfaction in recording the changing face of London, and was still doing so with, if anything, increased crispness and economy at the age of 91. Smyth (1863-1965) outdid him by being, as far as is known, the only artist to be exhibiting at the Royal Academy at the age of 100. He was a founder member of the London Sketch Club, along with Phil May and Dudley Hardy, which gives you some idea of the amazing span of his working life. Most of his art work would seem from the present exhibition to have been landscape, in which he had a light, English-Impressionist touch, especially in pastel, but some of his oils have their charms, too, particularly those made on a trip to China and Japan in 1905.



Filling The Curling Box by Nicholas Evans

One of the Scott brothers, William Bell, lived to a ripe old age, dying at 79 in 1890, after a full life as painter, poet, critic and, according to one theory, the great secret love of Christina Rossetti's life. The other, David, died at the age of 42 in 1849, and had thereafter in W.B. a tireless promoter of his supposed blighted young genius. From the engravings published in the nineteenth century it has been hard not to suspect that he actually suffered from the Benjamin Robert Haydon syndrome of genius unaccompanied by talent. But there have been few originals around to check this impression. Now the enterprising Langton Gallery has managed to dig up one rather unappetising oil and a group of unexpectedly fresh and energetic watercolours and drawings, mostly of vaguely Blake/Fuseli sorts of subject (*The Sons of God and the Daughters of Men, Napoleon Assailed by the Ghosts of his Victims in Hades*) which suggest David Scott was a cut above our expectations, if still somewhat below his brother's encomia. William Bell, on the other hand, seems much more interesting—perhaps merely to modern taste—with his pernickety Pre-Raphaelite detailing as against David's forced sublime. And one of his small oils displayed, *Twixt Manse and Kirk, Kippen*, must hold some kind of longevity record of its own, being completed in 1890 from a sketch made in 1830. These explorations of the byways of art history have their own uses, but it is always especially pleasing when our divers bring up pearls.

Two other shows of similar interest are worth seeking out. To coincide with the publication of *The Doyle Diary* (Paddington Press, £5.95) there is a show of fairy watercolours mostly by Charles Doyle, brother of Dicky and father of Arthur Conan, who went very funny in later life and was shut away to work on sketchbooks like that now well reproduced in colour, full of rather surrealistic and sometimes sinister notions. Perhaps he was not actually mad, but since he was both alcoholic and epileptic Victorian medicine found it hard to distinguish; certainly, for all their oddity his drawings can be seen in this show to fit in perfectly well with the work of a whole school of fairy painters who were not mad at all—though they do acquire a special interest by illuminating as well the background of Sherlock Holmes's creator. William Gaunt's watercolours of London life, spanning more than fifty years, are a constant delight of eccentric observation: he evokes the locations vividly, but it is clearly much more the teeming human life of London that has always fascinated him, and you often find in his work a curious, bittersweet combination of humour and poetry which recalls Rowlandson—a Rowlandson, if you can imagine it, suffused with a golden glow of amiability.

John Russell Taylor

The Met's Billy Budd

Benjamin Britten's *Billy Budd* became, on the second night of the Metropolitan Opera Season, its first new production, and the tautly-drawn melodrama received a unified, cohesive and exciting performance under the tight control of producer John Dexter (who this year will stage three more new productions). Dexter sees the opera in stark terms as a classic good versus evil battle on "this tiny, floating fragment of earth", and thus he isolates the ship "indomitable", lit by harsh white lights, in a sea of unchanging black. The single, quadripartite set of the ship, brilliantly devised by William Dudley, moves vertically to show exterior and interior, so that, during the sea chase of Act II, it extends from the proscenium to the stage floor: an awesome sight. We are taken, by means of a rising stage, from deck to chain locker for Budd's soliloquy, and the cross-section of the ship bulks above him.

All action takes place on this set, even the Prologue and Epilogue, for Vere is placed in his old surroundings to muse, as if in a dream. But the "Indomitable", detailed as to cannons, lockers and hatches, has one peculiarity. It lacks masts, riggings or sails. It is, in nautical terms, a hulk, and Budd, when he swings, swings from a rope seemingly let down from heaven. At all times marines in bright red stand on watch on the upper deck, rifles ready, against any sign of mutiny. The polagirealities, Budd and Claggart, are spotlighted and brought together even when uncalled for by the text (the two stand alone facing each other at the end of Act 1). And Dexter spotlights Vere's final salvation, so that when, in the epilogue, he echoes Budd in finding safe anchor he lifts his arms to the sky and is rewarded by a waterfall of golden light.

The cast was led by one masterful performance: that of James Morris's Claggart. The sepulchral, intense blackness of the man was coiled into Morris's voice and his demeanor, and he moved in evil over the face of the earth. It is unquestionably the finest performance I have seen this valuable Metropolitan Opera artist give. Richard Stilwell's Billy Budd gained in security through the evening, yet the voice is a shade light for the role at the Met, and Stilwell never filled the stage with his presence, as he must if the crew's reaction to his goodness is to have meaning. Sir Peter Pears' Vere, like Vere in the prologue, is a memory of a performance. Enunciational ability remains in his voice, but not longer backed up by force and command (accentuated by the Met's vastness), so that his crucial speeches in the Second Act slide by almost unnoticed. In addition, his conception of the role (or that of Dexter) replaces the anguish of a wise and learned seaman with the fussiness of a pettifogging weakling, which drains Vere of that stature (emphasized by Dexter) he should attain by the epilogue.

The rest of the cast was very fine, particularly Peter Glossop (Redburn), David Ward (Flint), Andrew Foldi (Dansker) and Morley Meredith (Bosun). Much rehearsal had obviously gone into getting the chorus to move about the stage as sailors with ease yet discipline, and this resulted in an always felicitous wedding of the visual with the vocal, particularly in that glorious Britten setpiece, the ship chase of Act II.

The conducting of Raymond Leppard followed the staging in highlighting the simplistic melodrama of the opera. Subtlety was sacrificed to sonorous weight and brilliance, and there was no sense of moving to a higher plane of awareness in the Second Act. The magnificent sectional chords of the Annunciation of Death—Britten's reply to Wagner and the most inspired passage in the opera—though marked "Largo" were fobbed off with a hastened triviality, and the handling of Budd's three-part final scene in the chain locker lacked expansiveness and depth.

Patrick J. Smith

RPO/Dorati
Festival Hall

William Mann

Five Mahler performances in three evenings at the Festival Hall (Saturday otherwise occupied) make treasure-trove for Mahlerites, even nowadays. This fervent up-beat to the new season on South Bank (as many up-beats as begin Elgar's second smphony!) finally reached its tip last night when Antal Dorati and his Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performed Mahler's sixth symphony, prefaced by the *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*, sung by Benjamin Luxon, a predictably sympathetic soloist, for once a baritone, as text and music suggest.

The sixth is a particularly personal symphony, even by the standards of Mahler who wrote himself into all his music (even *Das klagende Lied*, even the A major piano quartet of his student days). Its theme is the sentence of death for a man with a beloved wife and dear children, all represented in the symphony, the personal tragedy of a family man.

Any performance of Mahler 6 begins by considering the three hammer blows of fate in the finale (the last written-down but not performed, unless complete alienation is desired), then perhaps the role of the beloved (second subject, first movement), the young family (trio of the scherzo), the march of fate in the first movement, the pervasive delight in country surroundings, high in the mountains (cowbells), as in the slow movement, the nightmare of the scherzo.

It was Mahler's achievement to mould all this, and much more, into a symphonic experience. Dorati, seemed intent to convey the achievement rather than the inspiration, as if to say "a great symphony rises above its mundane points of departure". Every musician will applaud such an interpretation.

What emerged was often fine, in the long run coherent, yet unsatisfactory because the detailed contents were not storngly enough characterized, particularly the Alma theme in the first movement. Dorati played it as a pretty melody, not an explosion of total devotion. That typified his reading, tense, reliable, ample in weight, delicate, emotionally restrained beyond cogency; one could hardly believe in the convincing passages(the end, mercifully, was one). There was some sensitive playing by the orchestra, usually on the dry side.



Francesca Annis as Lillie with Robert Burbage as Michel Corbet, her first love

Libby Morris stars

Libby Morris is playing the title role in *Shay*, a new play by the American playwright Anne Commire, which opened at the Kings Head Theatre Club, Islington, last night.

Lillie
London Weekend

Stanley Reynolds

Francesca Annis, as Lillie Langtry in London Weekend Television's new 13-part Sunday night series, *Lillie*, has one of those rather unenviable roles in which the character goes from girlhood to being a woman. And this is not just any woman, it is a fabled beauty, the Jersey Lillie herself. One thought of poor Morag Hood, an excellent actress, having to play Natasha Rostova in the BBC's ill-fated *War and Peace*, but Miss Annis seemed to carry off the young girl part.

Still, when Lillie was cavorting about with her brothers, played by Adam Bareham and Simon Turner, the three of them did look rather simple minded. When grown-up actors are required to play children, for some reason or other they all seem to come out appearing dim witted. I suppose the fault is with the writers, in this case David Butler. Grown-ups have a romantic and sentimental notion about childhood, while real children are the least sentimental creatures in the world.

Anyway, with the first episode over, Lillie is now a mature and married woman, wedded to the unfortunate Edward Langtry and eager to get into the social whirl of London. Anton Rodgers, who plays Langtry, is always value for money, although I can never watch him without thinking of Ted Dexter. Mr Rodgers bears a striking resemblance to the former England captain. Because Langtry was a sporting man I suppose looking like the cricketer is possibly a plus; but it could be death on Hamlet.

John Corrie, who is directing the series, made good use of the Channel Islands' beautiful coastline and the big yacht in which Langtry sailed away with Lillie. But the pace of this first episode was dreadfully slow. One reckons we were being told that life in the Jersey vicarage was slow, but putting us to sleep with a lack of action is rather an extreme way of getting that idea across. Lillie Langtry, of course, had a most exciting and glamorous life and one trusts the pace of the series will grow to match it.

Imogen Cooper
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Imogen Cooper began her piano recital with an uncommonly spontaneous-seeming performance of Mozart's Sonata in F major, K.533/494, especially of the first movement. Perhaps the sound was rather fully pedalled, but if this meant that some of the rapid figuration in the Allegro was less distinct than one would have liked, the tonal amplitude was probably a response to the music's richness of thought.

Such warmth was entirely apt in the slow movement, where there was a discreet underlining of the many points of harmonic adventure. But, despite the contrapuntal flourish at the start of the coda, there seems no way of preventing the final Rondo sounding like an anti-climax. Miss Cooper's taking at the Andante of Mozart's manuscript rather than the Allegretto of the first edition added some weight, yet not enough.

The opening movement and the Adagio of Beethoven's A flat major Sonata, Op. 110, included some beautifully shaped lyrical flights, and if the rough humour of the Scherzo suited Miss Cooper far less well, there were fine moments in the concluding Fugue, particularly when, much decorated, the Arioso dolente reappears.

A major single-movement piece, Liszt's *Pensée des Morts* is a recitative for piano, by turns gloomy and dramatic, calm and agitated. Indeed, reconciling these diverse moods is one of the interpretative problems; but Miss Cooper responded to Liszt's ardent pianistic imagining in a way that was entirely convincing, and unified. The neglect of such music by most recitalists is inexplicable.

Finally came a welcome chance to hear another rarity, Weber's Sonata No 2, which, like the Beethoven, is in A flat major. This again is extremely inventive in keyboard terms, but Miss Cooper rightly emphasized the still great musical interest, and the strong emotional drive, of the first two movements.

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Boxing

Conteh must stay on top of world

By Srikumar Sen

These are trying days for John Conteh, Britain's former world light-heavyweight champion. For instead of meeting at Wembley tonight the clever but fading American Richie Kates, who has dropped from the top 10 to number 16 in the charts, Conteh finds himself facing a late replacement, Leonardo Roger, of the Dominican Republic, the Central American champion, ranked seventh, above Mike Rossman till the latter became the WBA champion by stopping Victor Galindez in the 13th round.

I am not saying that charts are everything—some rankings have been so funny, especially in the heavyweight division, that I do not think I would fall on my back if tomorrow I were to see Arthur Mullard breathing down Larry Holmes' neck—but, when you have studied a film of Kates v Galindez it could be a little trying to be told that Kates has hurt his back and that Roger has been found.

Little seems to be known about Roger, apart from general statistics. He is 25, two years younger than Conteh, he has had 11 bouts, of which he has lost two, one on disqualification. He has beaten Dave Conteh, who beat Bunny Johnson on an injury last March. Not much else. So I wasn't surprised to see John Conteh's trainer, George Francis, at the Thomas A'Becket, down the Old Kent Road, a couple of days ago when Roger, under the gaze of Gran'ma Moses type portraits of Sugar Ray Robinson, Turpin, Marciano and the like, pounded the life out of one sparring partner and spared that of another, lighter one.

Mr Francis went off suitably tight-lipped, and I tried to engage Roger's trainer in conversation to find out what he had been saying to his man in Spanish. All I could get out of him was, "yes, yes" in answer to whatever question I asked him. However, I got him against the ropes and pressed him about Dave Conteh and eventually managed to get a short answer. It was not till I was well on my way back to the Elephant and Castle that I began to wonder if he had, in fact, understood which Conteh I had been talking about. "Yes, yes", he had said, "knock out, seventh round."

Conteh will find Rogers, a big man with craggy eyebrows and biceps that dip suddenly like Niagara Falls, similar in style to Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia. He appeared to have the same Parlov attack. I say appeared because I saw the Parlov-Conteh bout on television which I believe gives too foreshortened and flat a picture to form a correct opinion, and in the case of my television, torsos and legs tend to wander about separately on their own whenever an aircraft goes by.

Roger is a southpaw, though he is not averse to changing round to draw his man on to his left, which is nasty. Right hand out, left cocked. First the right, then the left. Like connecting rods. But Parlov's stiffness is not there, for Roger likes to weave and duck. What he lacks in finesse (his uppercuts can land him on the wrong foot), he makes up with a brutal approach, for instance when cornered he believes in coming out with a crash, bang, wallop.

Conteh has the class to cope with him, especially as Roger looked vulnerable to the jab. Conteh can do worse than follow Ali's dictum of "stick and move". Though Roger successfully defended his Central American title in June, he did look sluggish and a little pudgy for a light-heavy. Conteh's morale has not been so high for a long time, for he knows he beat Parlov, and it is what he thinks that matters. I believe that though he is best suited to the big occasions, he can show, if he is of a mind to, that there is a world of difference between him and Rogers. Which is what he needs to do to get another world title chance on his terms.



Leonardo Roger training at the Thomas A'Becket for his bout against Conteh at Wembley tonight.

Rugby Union

Uttley provides welcome problem

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The start of the Argentines' tour against Southern Counties at Oxford tomorrow, heralds continuing action at representative English level for many weeks. In less than a fortnight the selectors will be choosing an England XV to play the Pumas at Twickenham on October 14, and they will see that fixture as a timely dress rehearsal for the international against New Zealand on November 25.

The London division, limited to those with an English qualification, face the Argentines at Twickenham next Saturday, and their 15 includes three players—Colclough, Mordell and French—whose form will hold particular interest for the selectors.

Colclough, an exile in France, superseded another, Nigel Horton, as a lock in the national side for their last two internationals; Mordell won a cap on the flank against Wales in February when Dixon was injured. French, the Wasps' centre, is now back in the reckoning after a cartilage operation earlier in the year.

That splendid trooper, Barrie Corless of Moseley must lift his game if he is to retain a position in the England centre alongside Dodge. French should be a strong challenger for it. Bond, of Sale, who was in the England B side in Romania, will have his sights on it, too, as will Kent, now with Exeter, Woodward, Harlequins and England under-23, and Palmer, of Bath, to name a few more.

Nelmes is going great guns as Cardiff's captain but Cowling, the Leicester prop, whose international season finished prematurely in Paris—when heroically he remained on the field for the second half with a dislocated shoulder—is raring to recover the loose head position. An additional, but wholly welcome, complication is the unexpected return to the scene of Uttley.

The former England captain was watched by two selectors, Sandy Sanders and Budge Rogers, when he played for Gosforth at the weekend—his first important game since April 1977. If all goes well for him, England will have an embarrassment of riches at loose forward.

Although Uttley won all of his early England caps at lock it is no longer feasible to consider him *in that position. Beaumont is* firmly installed as front jumper. England need Colclough or Nigel Horton at number four.

It may be a comforting thought, then, that England's front-runners for No 8 could be Uttley and Scott, whose stature steadily increased last season and who is now busy sharpening his technique in a successful Cardiff side. On a flank, the selectors can choose from Dixon and Rafter (the present incumbents), Neary, Mordell and, perhaps, Uttley again.

It is an interesting commentary on English strength up front that two promising young forwards, Pomphrey of Bristol, and Jeavons of Moseley were excluded from the national party of 45 players called up for a summer training weekend. Another omission was the Leicester full back, Hare, which suggests that his international aspirations are ended.

Caplan, of Headingley, is now the front-runner in that position, having played with much panache in the last two internationals, and Hignell, who lost it through injury, may be hard pushed to regain his place. Hignell, this *season, has abandoned his round-the-corner style of goal-kicking,* but the old-fashioned toe method does not seem to have brought consistent accuracy. England's goal-kicking was not improved when the selectors, unjustly in my view, left out Old after the French game last season.

However, the mercurial John Horton of Bath and Lancashire, was brought in for Old and reacted well to the challenge as an international stand-off half. His likeliest competitor looks to be that rounded little performer at Moseley, Cusworth, who won his spurs with the B side in Romania. Cusworth should have his chance to impress the selectors when the county champions, North Midlands, play the Argentines on October 7.

It may not be insignificant that for their training weekend in August the selectors summoned no fewer than six scrum halves. The senior of these was Young, and the junior, Youngs, of Bedford, England's 19-group captain last season. The others were Orum (Roundhay), Gifford (Moseley), Carfoot (Waterloo) and Peck (another Bedfordian). Young, now 32, must remain the likeliest candidate for the job again, and by all accounts he enjoyed having Uttley in front of him again last Saturday. The Argentine team for the start of the tour at Oxford tomorrow is:

M. Sansor; A. Puccio, R. Madero, M. H. Loffreda, A. Capelletti; H. Porta (captain), R. T. Landalo; A. Cerioni, R. Seaton, H. Nicola, G. Travaglini, A. Iachetti, T. Petersen, H. Silva, C. M. Serrano.

McKechnie chosen

Wellington, Sept 25.—The New Zealand Rugby Union selectors have called up Brian McKechnie as replacement for the injured full-back Bevan Wilson in the All Blacks party to tour Britain and Ireland from next month.—Reuter.

Monmouthshire survive moments of doubt

By Alan Gibson

Somerset 13 Monmouth 24

This was one of those early season friendlies, before we settle down to the real business of county championships, not of much importance to anybody but selectors, but quite often entertaining. Weston-super-Mare provided a sunny evening for it (I think I have experienced more good weather in the last fortnight than I did in the whole of the cricket season) and also provided floodlights working much more effectively than when I saw them last.

In the west of England we quite like Monmouthshire. The river Wye borders her, our favourite king (apart from Alfred) was Harry of Monmouth, and later there was a timid young duke whom we liked too, at some cost to ourselves. Still, we also like beating them at rugby of which there was never much chance last night.

Monmouthshire won comfortably, though it was a lively enough match to give them moments of doubt: For instance, when Clemence kicked a penalty for Somerset in the first few minutes, and again early in the second half. Somerset had been 6—14 down (another penalty by Clemence) and then a sudden down the left by Simmons, who was playing his first county match, took Monmouthshire by surprise as much as it did me.

Probably this excellent run did Monmouthshire no harm. They had begun to relax a little too soon. In the first half, Barry had scored a second try for them, and Davies a third; but their goal-kicking was astray, and they took too much for granted.

A second try by Davies restored the lead, and again we had the same pattern, Monmouthshire prematurely assured, Somerset still battling. Clemence kicked his third penalty, so one score could still switch it, but Monmouthshire again rose to their duties, and a fine try by Gosling, breaking inwards after a couple of long and accurate passes, from a scrummage on the right—an easy conversion for Barry—made sure of it.

There had been a nasty injury to Palmer who had to be taken away with a damaged leg in an ambulance, disturbing news for Somerset, and Bath, and possibly England. He was playing at fly half, his favourite position, and had been playing pretty well.

So it was, in the end, a convincing enough win by Monmouthshire, an experienced and formidable side, but not a bad effort either, by Somerset.

SOMERSET: J. Clemence (Bridgwater and Albion); J. Lane (Bristol), N. Hunt (Bristol), J. Leigh (Bristol), P. Simmons (Bath); J. Palmer (Bath), E. Yandle (Old Redcliffians); J. Meddick (Bath), K. Adams (Avon and Somerset Police), R. Speed (Bath), N. Williams (Clifton), B. Jenkins (Bath), F. Hartley (Exeter), S. Jones (Bath), S. Davies (Bristol).

MONMOUTHSHIRE: P. Lewis (Pontypool); R. Coles (Ebbw Vale), I. Gosling (Ebbw Vale), D. Burcher (Newport), K. Davies (Newport); D. Barry (Newport), S. Lewis (Bath); C. Faulkner (Pontypool), M. Watkins (Cardiff), J. Dixon (Abertillery), S. Sutton (Pontypool), E. Jones (Ebbw Vale), R. Gardner (Ebbw Vale), C. Burgess (Ebbw Vale), J. Squires (Pontypool).

Referee: G. Jones (Somerset).

Football

Cruyff boosts ticket sales at Chelsea

Dennis Tueart, the former Manchester City and England forward, sees his appearance for New York Cosmos against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge tonight as an occasion to prove himself again in English football. Tueart said at London Airport yesterday: "Things have gone well for me since I went into American football this summer, but in coming back to play before British fans, I feel I have to justify the decision I took to play in the States."

Three other former British players are in the Cosmos party—Bourne, Willey and Jump. *Definitely playing will be Beckenbauer,* former captain of West Germany. News that Cruyff would be playing for Cosmos has boosted ticket sales at Chelsea. It is estimated that they need a 20,000 crowd to cover their guarantee to Cosmos, plus match expenses. Chelsea have reduced terrace prices for this game from the normal £1.50 to £1.00 and a gate of 25,000 is expected.

Cosmos have been champions of the North American League for the past two seasons. After tonight's match, which is their only appearance in Britain, they have further tour fixtures against Atlético Madrid, AEK Athens, Galatasaray (Turkey), Saudi Arabia and against Red Star Belgrade before they return home on October 23.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

UEFA CUP: first round, second leg: Everton v Finn Harps.

THIRD DIVISION: Blackpool v Gillingham, Rotherham United v Watford (7.15); Sheffield Wednesday v Bury, Shrewsbury Town v Hull City; Walsall v Peterborough United.

FOURTH DIVISION: Darlington v Barnsley; Doncaster Rovers v Bournemouth; Huddersfield Town v Grimsby Town; Portsmouth v Wigan Athletic; Port Vale v Northampton Town; Scunthorpe United v Aldershot (7.15); York City v Hereford United.

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP: quarter final, second leg: Oldham Athletic v Morton; St Mirren v Bristol City.

OTHER MATCH: Chelsea v New York Cosmos (8.0).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Andover v Taunton; Atherstone v Alvechurch; Barnet v Wealdstone; Cambridge City v Maidstone; Dorchester v Yeovil; Gravesend v Folkestone; Shepshed v Stourbridge v Milton Keynes.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Goole v Gainsborough; Matlock v Lincoln; Morecambe v Netherfield; Runcorn v Barrow; Southport v Workington; Stafford Rangers v South Liverpool.

FA VASE: Preliminary round replay: Marlow v Kew Association.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Hayes; Dorchester Wood v Wycombe Wanderers; Dulwich Hamlet v Kingstonian; Enfield v Hendon; Staines Town v Oxford City; Sutton United v Woking; Tilbury v Leatherhead.

FIRST DIVISION: Clapton v Harrow Borough; Epsom and Ewell v Hampton; Harlow Town v Ware; St Albans City v Southall and EB; Walton and Hersham v Wokingham Town; Harwich and Parkeston v Hertford Town.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Grays Athletic v Edgware; Harefield United v Burnham; Redhill v Chertsey; Windsor and Eton v Ruislip Manor.

RUGBY UNION: Bridgend v Presidents XV; Newbridge v Tredegar (5.30); Hertfordshire v Eastern Counties (at Hertford, 7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE: BBC Floodlight competition, first round: Castleford v Wakefield. John Player competition, first round replay: Leigh v Huyton.

HOCKEY: Tour match: East Under-21 v Hotspurs, Australia (at Bourne, 5.0).

Results yesterday

Third division

Brentford (2) 2 Graham, W. Eams — Lincoln (1) 1 Cockerill — 6,110

Carlisle (0) 2 McCartney pen, Kemp — Swansea (0) 0 — 8,489

Tranmere (0) 2 Evans, Moore — Plymouth (0) 1 Johnson — 1,907

Fourth division

Hartlepool (0) 0 — Newport (0) 0 — 5,491

Rochdale (0) 0 — Wimbledon (0) 0 — 1,265

FA CUP: First qualifying round, second replay: Chalfont St Peter 0, Epping Town 0 (after extra time); Crawley Town 1, Boxhill 0 (after extra time).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Bath 1, Gloucester 0; Tamworth 0, Banbury 2. First division South: Tonbridge 1, Ashford 0.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Eton 4, Lancing 1.

Racing

Borzoi dogged by training troubles

By Michael Seely

R B Chesne will be Henry Cecil's only runner in the Dewhurst Stakes sponsored by William Hill at Newmarket on October 20. After R B Chesne had just got the better of that enthralling battle with More Light in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster Cecil was adamant that Borzoi was his best two-year-old. The chairman of the board of selectors at Warren Place is still reluctant to change the batting order of his talented team, but said yesterday that the Round Table colt was a little stiff after a gallop on Saturday.

"Borzoi could still make a Guineas horse" the trainer went on. "But he is a heavy-topped individual and we won't see the best of him until next season". Charles St George's two-year-old's final target for the year may be the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury.

Cecil's principal runners next week will be Main Reef in the Middle Park Stakes and the Doncaster Cup winner, Buckskin, who will be in the line-up for the Jockey Club Cup. Daniel Wildenstein's good stayer is none the worse for his heroic effort on Town Moor and continues to please his trainer.

Cecil is also looking forward to a return match with King of Spain at Newmarket. There is no doubt that Main Reef transgressed the rules last Saturday and that his disqualification was inevitable. But as usual the Mill Reef colt had run his race out with great courage to go two lengths clear in the last furlong. And I know which of the pair I will support when they clash again on Thursday week.

Cecil has a good chance of increasing his lead in the trainers table at Ascot's three-day meeting which starts on Thursday. On Saturday Lyphard's Wish will be seeking to maintain his unbeaten record in the £12,000 Royal Lodge Stakes, the race in which Shirley Heights first established his claim to future greatness last year. The Newmarket trainer's other runners that afternoon are Caro Bambino and Tannenberg, who will have their work cut out to win the centrepiece of the fixture, the £17,000 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and One in a Million who will be making her first racecourse appearance against Jeremy Tree's impressive Salisbury winner, Lyric Dance, in the Blue Seal Stakes.

Some first-class racing is also assured on the opening day when the main events are the six-furlong Diadem Stakes, the Hoover Fillies mile and the mile and a half Cumberland Lodge Stakes. Michael Stoute's brilliant Ayr Gold Cup winner, Vaigly Great, was one of 17 acceptors for the Diadem at the four-day stage yesterday. Stoute says that Vaigly Great returned from Scotland in fine form but that the three-year-old will be kept in reserve for the Vernons Sprint Cup unless the ground eases in the meantime.

Cecil has declared both Formulate and Odeon for the fillies race. Formulate won in the style of an improving filly at Doncaster and Odeon also looked good when scoring at Goodwood. There is also an impressive array of talent under orders for the Cumberland Lodge Stakes including Town and Country the Park Hill Stakes winner, Idle Waters, and Conte Santi, who slaughtered Leonardo da Vinci on fast ground at Doncaster. Cecil has declared Paico, but the four-year-old who gave Ile de Bourbon such a good fight at Newbury is not a certain runner.

On Friday Cecil will saddle the banker of the week, Martingale, in the Taylor Woodrow Charity Stakes. Mr Wildenstein's filly found her form with a vengeance when beating Miss Noname and Baccalaureate at Sandown Park. And even with her 4lb penalty for that success, Martingale appears leniently treated in this one mile handicap with only 8st 7lb to carry.

Another feature the same afternoon is the five-furlong William Hill Trophy. The sponsors make the Yorkshire trained filly, Palmvinnia, their favourite at 5-1. Goldhills Pride and Laudon, who dominated the finish of the Portland Handicap at Doncaster, are joint second choices in the market at 6-1. Other news on the betting front with the same firm yesterday was that last year's winner Alleged remains a firm 6-4 chance for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Carson reaches 150: William Carson, heading for his third jockey's championship, rode his one-hundred-and-fiftieth winner of the season on the even money favourite, Hang-On Elvis, who gained a fourth successive win in the St Margaret's Handicap at Leicester yesterday, the Press Association reports.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park: Hard. Leicester: Good to firm. Sedgefield: Hard. Beverley (tomorrow): Firm. Cheltenham: Firm. Devon and Exeter: Hard.

Impressive victory for King of Macedon

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, Sept 25

King of Macedon landed [this] afternoon's Prix de Seine-et-[Oise] at Maisons-Laffitte without e[xert]ing himself. A length away c[ame] Elezinia, who took second [place] from Lester Piggott and Cree[town] by a nose. Faraway Times f[ound] the distance a little sharp, [and] finished fourth.

Maurice Philipperon waited [until] the final furlong before ma[king] his effort on King of Mace[don]. The pair swept past Elezi[nia], Winbella and Creetown 50 y[ards] from the post, and won pu[lling] up. Jack Cunnington, junior, [said the] next race King of Macedo[n] the Prix de la Forêt at Longch[amp] on October 22, where the[y] will again meet Creetown [and] Faraway Times. Creetown, in [the] meantime, will contest next T[hurs]day's Diadem Stakes at Asco[t].

The final training of Fr[ench] horses for the Prix de l'Ar[c de] Triomphe will take place d[uring] the next two days. Acamas [will] *work tomorrow in front of* [his] part-owner, Captain Tim Ro[gers] and Freddie Head will choos[e his] Arc partners—either Dar[ia] Maid or Gay Mecene—in the [next] 24 hours.

Maurice Zilber will be re[pre]sented in Sunday's big rac[e by] Montcontour (Jean-Luc Kes[sas]) Trillion (William Shoemaker) [and] Galiani, who will be ridden [by] Alain Lequeux. Anthony Mu[rray] teams up with Monseigneur [...]

Leicester programme

2.15 ASHBY STAKES (2-y-o : £784 : 1m)

2 0000 Camp Road (B), M. Jarvis, 8-11 .... B Raymond 3
3 00000 Charley Gable, K. Bridgwater, 8-11 .... R. Fox 15
4 000 Charlottsway, C. Benstead, 8-11 .... J. Lynch 1
7 0000 Kow House, L. Carter, 8-11 .... K. Darley 10
10 020000 Willie Sing (B), R. Murphy, 8-11 .... W. Carson 3
11 0000 Wirral Way, C. Crossley, 8-11 .... M. Banner 7 11
12 000034 Beckingale (B), D. Dale, 8-8 .... R. Curant 9
13 00 Dusky Scott, M. Masson, 8-8 .... A. Bond 8
14 000 Flying Rags, H. O'Neill, 8-8 .... P. Perkins 13
18 00 Kean Lass, D. Wintle, 8-8 .... — 14
19 0 Lyric Girl, M. Salaman, 8-8 .... A. Cousins 12
20 00030 My Flywheel, D. Jermy, 8-8 .... T. Cain 4
21 0 Reckless Princess, P. Cole, 8-8 .... S. Eccles 16
23 000000 Tender Affair, A. Jarvis, 8-8 .... E. Eldin 6
26 00004 Tollers Rose, A. Davison, 8-8 .... — 9
28 0000 Wind-O-Fortune, R. Hollinshead, 8-8 .... T. Ives 7

6-4 Beckingale, 4-1 Camp Road, 9-2 Reckless Princess, 6-1 Willie Sing, 8-1 Lyric Girl, 12-1 Tollers Rose, 14-1 others.

2.45 LOUGHBOROUGH HANDICAP (3-y-o : £2,105 : 1m)

2 114900 Jazz King (D), R. Armstrong, 9-4 .... J. Reid 7
3 330121 Come Play With Me (D), N. Callaghan, 9-0 .... M. Rimmer 7
7 032003 Flying Optician, P. Cole, 8-11 .... S. Eccles 13
10 012000 Capetown Lion, M. Stoute, 8-9 .... B. Raymond 9
11 01-004 Skinflick, W. Holden, 8-6 .... P. Young 3 4
14 12-4000 Diamanto, R. Jarvis, 8-7 .... E. Eldin 16
15 120 Habit, L. Cumani, 8-7 .... W. Carson 10
16 140420 White Domino (D), R. Hollinshead, 8-5 .... T. Ives 6
18 004200 Dior Queen (B), C. Brittain, 8-4 .... E. Hide 5
20 123020 Bourgeois, B. Hills, 8-4 .... R. Street 1
21 330400 W. G. Greys, R. Hollinshead, 8-2 .... — 11
22 003244 Aston Hall, M. Prescott, 8-2 .... C. Nutter 5 3
23 254130 Late Idea (D), T. Molony, 8-0 .... S. Parr 7 14
25 343433 Mr Fastbac (B), J. Etherington, 8-0 .... K. Darley 5 15
26 002000 Mocarillo, H. Price, 7-13 .... S. Salmon 3 17
27 002000 Durcott House, G. Hunter, 7-12 .... J. Lynch 6
28 000300 May Bond, B. McMahon, 7-10 .... R. Curant 3

7-2 Come Play With Me, 4-1 Habit, 5-1 Mr Fastbac, 6-1 Jazz King, 8-1 Flying Optician, Skinflick, 10-1 Aston Hall, Capetown Lion, 12-1 Bourgeois, 14-1 others.

3.15 BURGESS POWERLINE STAKES (2-y-o : £1,717 : 7f)

2 002 Acapulco Gold, M. E. Francis, 9-0 .... J. Reid 13
3 00 Breeze Along, J. Dunlop, 9-0 .... R. Muddle 9
6 00 Charlotte's Son, N. Gaselee, 9-0 .... K. Darley 3
9 022 Demi Feu, G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 .... E. Eldin 2
12 0 Colden Cape, C. Brittain, 9-0 .... E. Hide 5
13 40 Mural, W. Hern, 9-0 .... W. Carson 12
16 000 Seasonal Samba, S. Norton, 9-0 .... G. Sexton 8
17 Senator Murphy, W. Holden, 9-0 .... P. Young 3 6
18 20 Singapore Star, W. O'Gorman, 9-0 .... T. Ives 1
19 0 Systems Analysis, B. Hills, 9-0 .... — 17
20 04020 The Fallen Knight, N. Adam, 9-0 .... J. Bleasdale 7
21 00 Windley Lad, G. Vergette, 9-0 .... — 10
23 0 Asphodel, M. Masson, 8-11 .... A. Bond 2
24 0000 Bardwell Fair, J. Powney, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 15
26 04 Buckhurst, R. Akehurst, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 18
29 Merebimur, M. Smyly, 8-11 .... J. Tyldesley 7 20
30 Moonscape, M. Smyly, 8-11 .... F. Morby 5
31 0 Morna, B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... J. Lynch 11
33 0000 Only a Whim (B), T. Molony, 8-11 .... P. Madden 16
34 00000 Pamkins Hart, M. Tate, 8-11 .... R. Street 14

9-4 Demi Feu, 3-1 Acapulco Gold, 9-2 Mural, 6-1 Buckhurst, Breeze Along, 10-1 Systems Analysis, 12-1 others.

3.45 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (3-y-o : £1,322 : 1¼m)

1 013 Wild Goose Chase (D), C. Thornton, 8-13 .... P. Waldron 6
3 0-00010 Fakeha, T. Molony, 8-11 .... P. Madden 4
4 0-0 Sir Trevai, A. Fisher, 8-11 .... K. Leason 3
8 000-40 Colamore, G. Harwood, 8-8 .... B. Raymond 10
9 000300 First Anniversary, H. O'Neill, 8-8 .... P. Perkins 6
10 0-00400 Princely Ruler, G. Blum, 8-8 .... J. Lynch 2
13 432003 Scotch Thistle (B), H. Price, 8-8 .... W. Carson 7

14 0-00f00 Silver Wings, C. Crossley, 8-8 .... L. Goulthwaite 11
18 0403 Lassies Bell, W. Stephenson, 8-0 .... P. Young 3 8
19 00-0000 Marcus Hook, D. Hanley, 8-0 .... R. Curant 12
20 0&0030 Mariciel of Palma (B), D. Jermy, 8-0 .... T. Cain 5
21 00-0000 Sommergold (B), M. Camacho, 8-0 .... — 1

4-5 Wild Goose Chase, 3-1 Scotch Thistle, 7-2 Pelicha, 10-1 Delamere, 14-1 others.

4.15 NANPANTAN HANDICAP (£1,488 : 1¼m)

3 410220 Hauser (B,C,D), B. Hern, 4-9-9 .... W. Carson 13
5 203022 English Export (D), Denys Smith, 4-9-6 .... L. Charnock 1
7 412130 Brig of Ayr (C,D), J. Dunlop, 4-9-5 .... R. Muddle 5 12
9 412430 Hampshire (B,D), J. Pitt, 4-9-2 .... J. Reid 10
13 0021-00 Black Crow (C), W. Guest, 4-8-7 .... E. Hide 3
15 2020-00 Main Event (B,C), B. Swift, 4-8-5 .... J. Lynch 4
17 203000 Jackalla (D), W. Holden, 4-8-5 .... P. Young 3 11
18 020322 Ma Famille (C), R. Vibert, 3-8-1 .... C. Ollivier 7 9
21 000100 Liquidation (D), D. Gandolfo, 4-7-13 .... K. Darley 5 8
22 000000 Jack Splendid, R. Hannon, 3-7-12 .... — 2
23 000000 Gipsy Scott (B), M. Masson, 3-7-11 .... R. J. Ferguson 2
25 032030 Placid Pet, K. Bridgwater, 4-7-8 .... R. Fox 9
27 002000 Dropshot (C-D), W. Musson, 3-7-7 .... R. Street 6

11-4 Brig of Ayr, 100-30 Hauser, 4-1 English Export, 5-1 Hampshire, 13-2 Ma Famille, 8-1 Black Crow, 12-1 others.

4.45 SEPTEMBER AMATEUR STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £929: 1½m)

1 344220 Blood Orange, C. Thornton, 11-10 .... Mr Platts 8
2 000033 Kansu, M. Ryan, 11-10 .... Mr Howe 5 13
5 000040 Quillan, M. Francis, 11-10 .... Mr S. Smith 5 11
8 83-0 Royal Stall, R. Jarvis, 11-10 .... Mr Jarvis 5 1
11 0 Bridge Park, F. Dever, 11-7 .... Mr Dever 14
13 0 Fidler's Gold, J. Turner, 11-7 .... Mr Wilson 10
18 030000 Irish Image, J. Etherington, 11-7 .... Mr Etherington 5 3
21 300242 Loppingdales, D. Weeden, 11-7 .... Miss Hodge 2
Lorien Wood, R. Murphy, 11-7 .... Mr A. Walter 12
27 00-0 Parsons Pride, G. Kindersley, 11-7 6
00 Quoarto, J. Webber, 11-7 .... Mr Webber 5
00300-0 Runner on the Roof, J. Spearing, 11-7 .... Mr Spearing 5 9
38 000-0 Scarlet Emperor, A. Pitt, 11-7 .... Miss Sanders 7
40 Tent Peg, M. Tate, 11-7 .... Mr Fowler 5 5

3-1 Blood Orange, 7-2 Loppingdales, 4-1 Kansu, 9-2 Quillan, 5-1 Royal Stall, 10-1 Irish Image, 16-1 others.

5.15 SEPTEMBER AMATEUR STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £929: 1½m)

000-000 Charlie Workshy, D. Leslie, 11-10 .... Mr Hutchinson 5 5
40-303 Last Issue, M. Camacho, 11-10 .... Mr Oldham
0000-00 Ralocheur, P. Haslam, 11-10 .... Mr Hutchinson 6
000 St Bride's Bay, M. Cousins, 11-10 .... Mr Cousins 12
0030 Lera, G. P.-Gordon, 11-7 .... Miss Vittadini 13
00-0000 Love Patrol, K. Bridgwater, 11-7 .... Mr Bridgwater 4
Lucia Di Lammermuir, J. Turner, 11-7 .... Mr Wilson
004034 My Sweet Gunhild, J. Etherington, 11-7 .... Mr Etherington 5 14
00 Pearly Rock, L. Holt, 11-7 .... Miss Holt 5 11
06040 Quiet Queen, M. Salaman, 11-7 .... Miss Radband 5 7
0-03340 Sandicliffe, B. Hills, 11-7 .... Mr J. Hills 8
0 Sweet Elaine, R. Hollinshead, 11-7 .... Mr A. Hollinshead 5 10
41 022000 The Wrekin, Joy, R. Murphy, 11-7 .... Mr Platts 1
42 00 Triple Bond, C. Hunter, 11-7 .... Mr Latham 3

11-4 Sandicliffe, 100-30 My Sweet Gunhild, 7-2 Last Issue, 9-2 Lera, 8-1 The Wrekin Joy, 10-1 Ralocheur, 14-1 others.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Willie Sing. 2.45 Mocarillo. 3.15 Acapulco Gold. 3.45 Wild Goose Chase. 4.15 English Export. 4.45 Loppingdales. 5.15 Sandicliffe.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Camp Road. 2.45 Come Play With Me. 3.15 Demi Feu. 4.15 Jackalla. 4.45 Loppingdales. 5.15 Lera.

Hamilton Park programme

2.15 AVONDALE STAKES (£1,324 : 1m 1f 10yd)

1 003030 Four Johns, W. H. Williams, 3-9-0 .... M. Wigham 5
2 03-31 Buckram, M. Prescott, 3-8-12 .... G. Duffield 6
3 00-0000 Netherleigh, L. Docker, 3-8-11 .... —
4 00020-0 Cousin Ribby, T. Fairhurst, 3-8-7 .... C. Eccleston 1
5 00 Eastern Symphony, K. Oliver, 3-8-7 .... O. Gray 2
7 00-02 Robin Hood, C. Thornton, 3-8-7 .... J. Bleasdale 8
8 2000-00 Amanco, R. Hollinshead, 3-8-4 .... — 11
9 000- Gleaning, N. Adam, 3-8-4 .... D. Nicholls 5
10 u-03002 Lampion, D. Ringer, 3-8-4 .... M. Birch 10
11 0-02000 Lauren Song, B. Hills, 3-8-4 .... E. Johnson 4
12 244000- Silquid, S. Holland, 3-8-4 .... C. Moss 7

2-1 Robin Hood, 5-2 Buckram, 7-2 Lampion, 6-1 Lauren Song, 10-1 Cousin Ribby, 12-1 Four Johns, 16-1 others.

2.45 REDERECH STAKES (2-y-o : £533 : 1m 40yd)

1 0002 Major Crisp, R. Hobson, 8-11 .... M. Wigham 5
2 00040 Pride of Manaar, J. Vickers, 8-11 .... D. Nicholls 5 7
3 003003 Sylvan Gold, M. Prescott, 8-11 .... G. Duffield 9
4 0 Wells O'Wearie (B), C. Bell, 8-11 .... C. Eccleston 6
5 000 Gleaming Lady (B), D. Doyle, 8-8 .... S. Perks 11
6 000 Mary Maher, J. Fitzgerald, 8-8 .... E. Johnson 2
7 0000 Play The Flute, S. Holland, 8-8 .... C. Moss 12
8 00 Princess Glazepta, A. Jarvis, 8-8 .... S. Jarvis 5 4
9 0004 Red Diana (B), Hbt Jones, 8-8 .... M. Birch 1
10 000000 Sailing Sprig (B), D. Yeoman, 8-8 .... A. Mercer 5 10
12 0000 Wind-O-Fortune, R. Hollinshead, 8-8 .... — 8
13 2020-0 Windsor Rose, Peter Taylor, 8-8 .... R. Lawson 7 3

11-1 Sylvan Gold, 7-2 Major Crisp, 5-1 Pride of Manaar, 6-1 Windsor Rose, 8-1 Mary Maher, Red Diana, 12-1 Princess Glazepta, 16-1 others.

3.15 ROYAL SCOTS HANDICAP (£1,291 : 6f)

1 203402 Marching On (D,B), M. Prescott, 4-10-0 .... G. Duffield 8
2 000010 Skin Deep (D), B. Hanbury, 3-10-0 .... J. Bleasdale 3
3 040000 Luke Splendid (D), J. Etherington, 4-9-9 .... W. Wharton 7
4 002000 Unella (D,B), W. O'Gorman, 3-9-9 .... W. O'Gorman 6
6 200104 My Chopin (C,D,B), T. Fairhurst, 7-9-3 .... P. McDermott 7 3
9 141200 Madame Decoy (D), S. Nesbitt, 4-8-7 .... A. Nesbitt 7 4
12 000004 White Emperor (D), R. Hollinshead, 6-7-13 .... — 2
13 000000 Hope Eternal (C), W. H. Williams, 4-7-9 .... M. Wigham 1
14 004404 Peggy Jet (D), E. Carr, 6-7-8 .... A. Mercer 5 9

7-3 My Chopin, 4-1 Marching On, 9-2 Unella, 5-1 Luke Splendid, 6-1 Madame Decoy, 8-1 Skin Deep, 12-1 Peggy Jet, 20-1 Hope Eternal.

3.45 STRATHCLYDE STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £1,143 : 6f)

1 203014 Thorganby Victory (B), R. Hobson, 9-1 .... P. Kelleher 1
3 3200 Double Bloom, M. Prescott, 8-8 .... G. Duffield 2
4 40200 Jeanne du Barry, P. Haslam, 8-8 .... R. Jago 7
5 400244 Lady Gerardina, A. Jarvis, 8-8 .... S. Jarvis 5 6
6 040 Miss Admington, R. Hollinshead, 8-8 .... — 8
8 0 Miss Thonburi, D. Thom, 8-8 .... M. Birch 4
10 0000 Quick Response, W. H. Williams, 8-8 .... M. Wigham 3
11 33430 Salona, B. Hills, 8-8 .... E. Johnson 5
15 02 Trolley, E. Weymes, 8-8 .... J. Bleasdale 9

7-4 Trolley, 3-1 Salona, 4-1 Thorganby Victory, 6-1 Double Bloom, 10-1 Lady Gerardina, 12-1 Jeanne du Barry, 20-1 others.

4.15 NEILSLAND HANDICAP (2-y-o : £1,350 : 1m 40yd)

1 140 Sir Michael (C), A. Jarvis, 9-7 .... S. Jarvis 5 1
2 333130 Wyn-Bank, J. Fitzgerald, 9-6 .... E. Johnson 5
3 0030 Computercall, B. Lunness, 9-1 .... B. Jago 2
4 221 Aventina, M. Prescott, 9-0 .... G. Duffield 4
5 02043 Balmuick Boy, T. Craig, 9-0 .... A. Mackay 7 12
6 034000 Straight Schweppes, W. H. Williams, 8-13 .... M. Birch 8
7 440401 Top Stream, P. Asquith, 8-11 .... S. Perks 11
8 300 Skewsby, M. W. Easterby, 8-10 .... C. Moss 9
10 244300 Nuha, W. Wharton, 8-6 .... W. Wharton 5 10
11 221021 Winter Sunshine (B), P. Haslam, 8-5 .... D. McKeown 7 3
14 00200 Mick's Throwout, B. Richmond, 8-3 .... D. Nicholls 5 7
16 000020 Paronias, R. Hobson, 7-12 .... M. Wigham 6

7-3 Winter Sunshine, 4-1 Aventina, 6-1 Wyn-Bank, 6-1 Top Stream, 8-1 Nuha, Sir Michael, 10-1 Balmuick Boy, 12-1 Skewsby, 16-1 others.

4.45 ROSS HANDICAP (£1,205 1m 3f)

1 404000 Prousto, A. Jarvis, 5-10-0 .... G. Duffield 5
2 021111 Regalus (CD), W. H. Williams, 4-9-10 .... M. Birch 3
5 030420 Gleaming Wave, B. Lunness, 4-9-0 .... B. Jago 6
9 001023 Phoenix Rose, M. Naughton, 4-8-4 .... M. Wigham 1
10 020033 Solo Reign (C), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-0 .... — 2
11 200000 Ascot Royale, R. Hollinshead, 7-7-11 .... — 3

4-5 Regalus, 4-1 Phoenix Rose, 5-1 Gleaming Wave, 6-1 Prousto.
* Doubtful runner

Lingfield Park programme

2.30 FINDON STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £1,736 : 7f)

3 0 Carrington, P. Makin, 8-8 .... G. Baxter 3
8 002204 Dedham Vale, R. Hannon, 8-8 .... B. Rouse 4
11 0 Kalazero, J. Winter, 8-8 .... A. Kimberley 7
12 00000 Lady Equus (B), D. Laing, 8-8 .... R. Weaver 1
17 02 Nicely Naughty, G. Harwood, 8-8 .... G. Starkey 2
24 0 Roman Star, A. Moore, 8-8 .... I. Jenkinson 6
31 0 Double Dance, J. O'Donoghue, 8-8 .... P. O'Leary 5

11-10 Nicely Naughty, 2-1 Dedham Vale, 6-1 Kalazero, 10-1 Carrington, 14-1 Lady Equus, 33-1 others.

3.0 ARUNDEL HANDICAP (£1,362 : 2m)

201 321113 Hardirondo (CD), S. Woodman, 3-8-13 .... G. Starkey 5
204 202043 Flying Empress, G. P.-Gordon, 4-8-4 .... P. Cook 3
207 124043 Hill Station (CD), M. Bolton, 6-6-3 .... D. McKay 4
211 312311 Ernel, C. Benstead, 4-7-9 .... M. Roberts 1
220 08-00 Coffee Bob (B), A. Moore, 7-7-7 .... I. Jenkinson 2

11-8 Ernel, 5-2 Hardirondo, 3-1 Flying Empress, 7-1 Hill Station, 20-1 Coffee Bob.

3.30 UPHAM STAKES (£2,448 : 1½m)

307 143-000 Palei (D), H. Cecil, 6-9-0 .... I. Mercer 2
309 404-142 Swell Fellow (D), J. Hindley, 7-9-0 .... G. Starkey 3
311 004000 Goblin, W. Wightman, 3-8-3 .... G. Baxter 1

4-5 Swell Fellow, 15-8 Palei, 5-1 Goblin.

4.0 WALTON HANDICAP (2-y-o : £2,565 : 6f)

404 000201 City Link Lass (D), P. Ashworth, 8-12 .... B. Rouse 4
407 4221 Swinging Trio, J. Sutcliffe, 8-9 .... I. Mercer 2
415 400302 Rose of Shenfield, M. Haynes, 8-0 .... J. Blanks 5 5
422 000400 Lofty Lad, T. Marshall, 7-9 .... D. McKay 1
430 01 Kindly Look, R. Hannon, 7-7 .... C. Leonard 3

7-4 Swinging Trio, 9-4 City Link Lass, 4-1 Rose of Shenfield, 7-1 Lofty Lad, 8-1 Kindly Look.

4.30 CHARING HANDICAP (3-y-o : £2,133 : 7f 140yd)

507 000304 Main Ingredient, P. Cole, 9-0 .... G. Baxter 11
508 02-00 Sunday Morning, J. Johnson, 9-0 .... T. Rogers 3
511 020000 Double Finesse (B), J. Winter, 8-8 .... G. Starkey 6
514 000130 Royal Companion, W. H. Bass, 8-6 .... S. Young 7 7
525 300200 Lady of the Night, A. Ingham, 7-12 .... J. Blanks 5 1
526 230123 Countess Virginia, R. Hannon, 7-11 .... C. Leonard 4
528 40-2222 Grey Fusilier, M. Bolton, 7-9 .... D. McKay 2
529 40-4821 Kamala, R. Jarvis, 7-9 .... M. Thomas 9
533 4-00332 Landa's Friend, P. Ashworth, 7-7 .... N. Howe 5 10
534 100000 Miss Cameron, R. Smyth, 7-7 .... I. Jenkinson 6
558 004000 Rema, J. O'Donoghue, 7-7 .... P. O'Leary 5

7-2 Kamala, 9-2 Main Ingredient, 6-1 Countess Virginia, 7-1 Sunday Morning, Landa's Friend, 8-1 Royal Companion, 12-1 Grey Fusilier, Lady of the Night, 14-1 Double Finesse, 16-1 Miss Cameron, 25-1 Rema.

5.0 LEWES STAKES (2-y-o : £1,221 : 6f)

602 Amber Town, M. Stoute, 9-0 .... G. Starkey 1
609 Fulham Road, P. Cole, 9-0 .... G. Baxter 4
613 Karibu, B. Smyth, 9-0 .... I. Jenkinson 2
627 Solar Gift, J. Powney, 9-0 .... P. Cook 3
640 Lady of Wales, B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... I. Mercer 5

7-4 Lady of Wales, 2-1 Amber Town, 7-2 Fulham Road, 8-1 Karibu, 10-1 Solar Gift.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Dedham Vale. 3.00 Ernel. 3.30 Goblin. 4.0 City Link Lass. 4.30 Kamala. 5.0 Lady of Wales.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.30 Kalazero. 3.30 Palei. 4.30 Double Finesse. 5.0 Lady of Wales.

Hamilton Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Robin Hood. 2.45 Sylvan Gold. 3.15 Madame Decoy. 3.45 Trolley. 4.15 Paronias. 4.45 REGALUS is specially recommended.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Buckram. 2.45 *Sylvan Gold.* 3.15 *Marching On.* 3.45 Double Bloom. 4.15 Aventina. 4.45 Gleaming Wave.

Sedgefield NH

2.30 AYCLIFFE HUR[DLE] (£322 : 2m)

040 Finales, 5-12-5 .... N. [...]
100 Paint Job, 7-12-0 .... C. M[...]
441 Irish Prince, 5-12-0 .... D. Lanca[...]
-400 Soldiers Field, 6-12-0 .... S. [...]
0-f0 Likely Boy, 5-11-9 .... A. Br[...]
Winsan, 5-11-9 .... M. Husc[...]
0-00 His'n Hers, 4-11-4 .... Miss Sto[...]
0-f Mazurka, 4-11-4 .... P. Ch[...]
000 Quite Soon, 4-11-4 .... H. [...]

7-4 Irish Prince, 11-4 Paint Job, [...] Soldiers Field, 13-2 Finales, Mazurka, 14-1 others.

3.0 BOWBURN STEE[PLE]CHASE (Handicap: £[...] 2m)

123 Royal Roseberry, 7-11-1 .... C. T[...]
00-5 Four Star, 10-10-5 .... G. F[...]
alp Toughie, 11-10-0 .... C. Sc[...]

4-6 Royal Roseberry, 9-4 Four [Star], 9-2 Toughie.

3.30 WINGATE STEE[PLE]CHASE (Handicap: £[...] 3m 250yd)

11-0 Casabrig, 11-12-3 .... M. [...]
0p-p Code of Honour, 6-11-6 .... C. Sew[...]
0u- Sharny Syke, 10-10-12 .... N[...]
00 Pee Wee, 7-10-0 .... P. M[...]

11-10 Casabrig, 5-2 Sharny [Syke], 4-1 Pee Wee, 6-1 Code of Honou[r].

4.0 ALDBOROUGH STEE[PLE]CHASE (Novices: £651: [...])

Colway, 6-11-4 .... P. A. Ch[...]
p-p Irish Rambler, 7-11-4 .... [...]
0-30 Limpopo, 6-11-4 .... J. [...]
02f- Ninca, 6-11-4 .... P. Hol[...]
334 Pellonius, 7-11-4 .... G. Fa[...]
00-0 Garbally Girl, 5-11-2 .... D [...]
004 Simon Slingsby, 5-11-2 .... J. M[...]

13-8 Pellonius, 11-4 Limpopo, [...] Ninca, 6-1 Simon Slingsby, [...] Garbally Girl, 16-1 Colway.

4.30 SHERBURN HUR[DLE] (Handicap: £696 : 2½m)

01-1 Pentagon, 7-11-7 .... D. A[...]
0f-1 Laon, 5-11-4 .... C. Gr[...]
015 Brother Broncho, 6-11-1 .... Mr Ca[...]
20f- Eatwell, 6-10-12 .... R. C[...]
-000 Rolus, 9-10-8 .... C. Ma[...]
031- Wayland Prince, 4-10-6 .... J. O[...]
00- Continuhugh, 7-10-3 .... S. Cha[...]
0- Blue Comedian, 7-10-1 .... D. Gou[...]
Kings Comet, 8-10-0 .... P. Cha[...]
-214 Lady of Elegance, 6-10-0 .... J. Arms[...]
4-06 Miss Jolly, 5-10-0 .... W. Re[...]

15-8 Pentagon, 100-30 Laon, [...] Brother Broncho, 7-1 Wayland Pr[ince], 10-1 Rolus, 12-1 Eatwell, Lad[y of] Elegance, 16-1 others.

5.0 STAINDROP HURD[LE] (Div I: Novices: £457: [...])

12 Bit of a Madam, 4-11-10 .... J. O[...]
0p Annette Windsor, 5-11-6 .... M. B[...]
Market Lad, 5-11-6 .... N. [...]
50-0 Powers, 5-11-6 .... S. Ch[...]
0 Sufian, 5-11-6 .... G. G[...]
000- Burton Cross, 4-11-0 .... A. B[...]
00 Drink Up, 4-11-0 .... G. H[...]
Music Girl, 4-11-0 .... S. Kelle[...]
000- No Sale No Pay, 4-11-0 .... S. Houl[...]
2-0f Regal Story, 4-11-0 .... P. Ch[...]
003- Romany Light, 4-11-0 .... M. Husc[...]

6-4 Bit of a Madam, 11-4 R[omany] Light, 11-2 Powers, 7-1 Drin[k Up], 10-1 Regal Story, 16-1 others.

5.30 STAINDROP HUR[DLE] (Div II: Novices: £457: [...])

000- Frozen Ground, 5-11-6 .... M. [...]
100- Morgan's Pride, 5-11-6 .... K[...]
0f0- Sturdy Lad, 5-11-6 .... N. [...]
Two Bells, 5-11-6 .... A. Di[...]
040- Billy Rajan, 4-11-0 .... R. [...]
4u Gin Track, 4-11-0 .... Mr Bo[...]
0 Nap Artist, 4-11-0 .... Mr K[...]
0 Palm Grove, 4-11-0 .... G. F[...]
20-4 Raise You, 4-11-0 .... J. [...]
0 Rising Rhythm, 4-11-0 .... C. Fair[...]
000- Secret Gold, 4-11-0 .... D. G[...]

15-8 Raise You, 5-2 Two [Bells], 4-1 Gin Track, 6-1 Palm Grove, Billy Rajan, 16-1 others.
* Doubtful runner

SELECTIONS: 2.30 Irish Prin[ce]. 3.0 Royal Roseberry. 3.30 Casabri[g]. [4.0] Pellonius. 4.30 Pentagon. 5.0 B[it of a] Madam. 5.30 Two Bells.

Plumpton NH

2.15: 1. Old Smokey (11-10 [...]); 2. Buffalo Bill (6-1); 3. Bal[...] Hill (9-4). 4 ran.
2.45: 1. Franwin (12-1 [...]); [2.] Getaway Girl (5-2); 3. David [...] (100-30). 6 ran.
3.15: 1. Sammy Souza (20-[1]); [2.] Jack Jigus (2-1 fav); 3. Livi[...] Kit's (6-1). 8 ran.
3.45: 1. Straight Scotch ([...]); [2.] Colonius (8-13). 3 ran.
4.15: 1. Limit Up (5-1); 2. S[...]; Again (6-1); 3. Magnesite (33-[1]). [...] ran.
4.45: 1. Frisky Doogan (3-[...]); [2.] Glanfield (25-1); 3. Organiser [...] fusion (5-1). 7 ran. Protean [...] not run.

Hamilton Park results

2.15 (2.17) CALDER WATER STAKES (3-y-o: £543: 1m 1f)
Dovine Life, b f, by Duvino Gift—Our Life (R. Donaldson), 7-11 .... A. Mackay (9-1) 1
Beabat .... S. Jarvis (10-1) 2
Desert Spy .... R. Jago (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Hidden Secret, 7-1 Man-at-Arms (4th), Comerce, 8-1 Sale 'n' Sound, 20-1 Royal Launinfor. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 11p, 4.2p, 24p; dual forecast, £8.08. T. Craig, at Dunbar. 3l, 5l. The winner was bought for 1,000gns.

2.45 (2.47) ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT HANDICAP (£1,873: 1m 40yd)
Annathena, ch f, by Hametz—Anna Barry (E. Reading), 3-8-10 .... B. Raymond (3-1 jt fav) 1
Mabar .... M. Birch (4-1) 2
Miss Eliza .... J. Bleasdale (3-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Lady Pog (4th), Handscuff, 9-1 Tudor Set, 12-1 Ochil Hills Star, 20-1 Hard Held, 25-1 Donzel, Inchi. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 15p, 16p, 18p; dual forecast, 79p. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket. Nk, 2l.

3.15 LORD HAMILTON OF DALZELL HANDICAP (£2,250: 5f)
Tanira, b f, by Song—Parvati (C. Nelson), 7-8 .... C. Eccleston (15-2) 1
Balilla .... B. Raymond (11-1) 2
Delta's Pride .... K. Leason (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Miss Morlin, 6-1 Vronsky, 7-1 Purple Mark, 10-1 Celtic Halo (4th), Con-Man, Nadwa, 12-1 Firbeck, 14-1 Star Venture, 16-1 Don Drake, 33-1 Mick's Throwout. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 19p, 38p, 77p; dual forecast, £6.03. C. Nelson, at Lambourn. 5l, 1l.

3.45 (3.55) CINQUEFOIL STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £949: 1m 40yd)
Primside, b c, by Connaught—Never Alone (Mrs J. Hambro), 9-0 .... A. Bond (7-1) 1
Count On Me .... B. Raymond (14-1) 2
Rig Force .... S. Jarvis (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Sea Master, 6-1 My Bold Girl (4th), 14-1 Belyle, Royal Flush, 16-1 Frankness, 20-1 Asenaz, Calente, Mountain Gorge, Amulree, Jamra, Welkin Express. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.05; places, 16p, 35p, 44p; dual forecast, £6.07. W. Hastings-Bass, at Newmarket. ½l, 1l.

4.15 (4.16) ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP (3-y-o: £1,609: 1m 3f)
Salutiferous, ch c, by Sallust—Mithril (F. McCarthy), 9-0 .... E. Hide (5-2) 1
Sandlone .... J. Rowe (7-2) 2
Little Newmarket .... N. Brannick (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Swagger Stick (4th), 9-1 Wallop, 14-1 Bright Charlie, 25-1 French Swallow. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 16p, 40p; dual forecast, £1.32. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. 5l, 4l.

4.45 (4.47) CHATELERAULT HANDICAP (£1,606: 1m 5f)
Mr Jerry, ch c, by Rol Soleil—Bessborough (Mrs P. Conlan), 3-9-0 .... G. Duffield (9-4 fav) 1
Surprising Prince .... N. Crowther (12-1) 2
Irish Poet .... B. Raymond (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Nicolene, High Adventure, 9-1 Beverley Boy, 10-1 Keira, 12-1 Square Note (4th), 16-1 Paratus, 20-1 Miss Ponti, Montreal Boy. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 33p, 48p, 39p; dual forecast, £4.39. Sir M. Prescott, at Newmarket. Nk, 2½l.

5.15 (5.19) CINQUEFOIL STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £949: 1m 40yd)
Galarette, b f, by Calibar—Flapparette (Mrs E. Cherry), 8-11 .... E. Eldin (9-4 fav) 1
Podzola .... G. Duffield (6-1) 2
Massena .... M. Wigham (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Pranky, 7-1 Cape Race, 10-1 Spellbound, 12-1 Price Fairly, 14-1 Ray's Swallow (4th), Another Move, 16-1 Easter Playtime, Miss Thonburi, 20-1 Blackran Queen, 33-1 Gillymint. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 17p, 20p, 19p; dual forecast, 42p. G. Pritchard-Gordon, at Newmarket. Sh hd, 2l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Tanira and Salutiferous, £37.70. TREBLE: Annathena, Primside and Mr Jerry, £82.35.

Leicester

2.15 (2.16) GADDESBY STAKES (£790: 1m)
Coffee House, br c, by Silly Season—Village Gossip (P. Mellon), 3-8-0 .... S. Payne (9-4 fav) 1
Mary Reppin .... M. Banner (5-1) 2
Now Hear This .... C. Longair (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Never Die, 11-1 Gullsway, Sunflight, 20-1 Clems Boy (4th), Norton Falcon, 25-1 P. P. Strikes Again, 33-1 Myddle Ianto. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 14p, 11p, 13p; dual forecast, 29p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 2½l, 4l.

2.45 (2.46) RANCLIFFE STAKES (3-y-o: £625: 1¼m)
Immodest Miss, br f, by Daring Display—Bay Tree (J. Cresswell), 8-8 .... K. Darley (3-1) 1
Comitesse Etoile .... J. Blanks (25-1) 2
Summerfield .... J. Lynch (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Guilty Party, 7-1 Marches Lord, 25-1 Enid May, Jenajill (4th), Our Joan. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 15p, 55p, 11p; dual forecast, £5.36. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. Sht hd, hd.

3.15 (3.18) LEICESTERSHIRE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,650: 6f)
Steel Trade, ch c, by Great Nephew—Lioba (W. Arnold), 9-2 .... S. Eccles (8-1) 1
English Gem .... R. Marshall (20-1) 2
Great Tom .... P. Cook (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav St Hubert (4th), 10-1 Astral Suite, 12-1 Haverhill Lad, 14-1 Bolshevik, Torbay Express, Tula Singh, 16-1 Charing's Company, 30-1 Angus Pride, Saintly Princess, Timarack, Ice Prince. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 41p, 36p, 20p; dual forecast, £14.36. P. Cole, at Lambourn. ¾l, nk.

3.45 (3.50) APOLLO HANDICAP (£1,620: 6f)
Phyllis Ayres, b f, by Dubassoff—Yoll Aloud (Mrs D. Haynes), 3-7-11 .... R. Still (6-1) 1
Dinkum Chief .... K. Darley (20-1) 2
Eve .... M. L. Thomas (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Gold Prospector, 11-2 Etonian, 8-1 Heavenly Choir, 9-1 Early Tudor, 10-1 April Lucky (4th), 16-1 White Wonder, 20-1 Pink Jet, Hot Heir, Maker-Match, Mini Pie, Eastleigh Manor, Moon's Lass, No Loiterer. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 13p, 6up, 15p, 24p; dual forecast, £5.44. H. Collingridge, at Newmarket. ½l, sht hd.

4.15 (4.16) ST MARGARET'S HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,328: 1½m)
Hang-on-Elvis, br g, by Right Tack—Prairie Princess (Miss T. Macdonald), 9-0 .... W. Carson (evens fav) 1
Lady Aberlant .... P. Cook (12-1) 2
Hulda .... L. Charnock (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Jubilee Lord (4th), 8-1 Knock Wood, 11-1 One-Cal, 14-1 Hypidion, 20-1 Summer Mist. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 11p, 31p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.08. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 1½l, 3l.

4.45 (4.48) FILBERT STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,548: 1m)
Countess Palotta, ch f, by Brigadier Gerard—Orasa (H. Oppenheimer), 8-11 .... P. Waldron (2-1 fav) 1
Lombardia .... W. Carson (11-4) 2
Constant Rose .... P. Cook (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Santila, 14-1 Trade Only (4th), 16-1 Delveen, Pomegranite, 20-1 Fond Farewell, 33-1 Carningly, Miss Hardwick, Singh Sprite, Speeder. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 11p, 13p, 23p; dual forecast, 36p. H. Candy, at Wantage. 5l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Steel Trade and Hang On Elvis, £35.60. TREBLE: Immodest Miss, Phyllis Ayres and Countess Palotta, £23.70.

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2.0 (2.2) AUTUMN STAKES (£748: 1m 5yds)
Cindasong, b f, by Saintly Song—Lucinda Anne, 4-8-11 .... P. Eddery (5-2) 1
Atlantic Warrior .... G. Baxter (8-13 fav) 2
Isobel's Choice .... T. Ives (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Patronelle, 9-1 Tawdy, 14-1 Deaney's Delight (4th), Sliari, 20-1 Eight of Hearts, 33-1 Roseholta, New Hand. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 12p, 15p, 14p; dual forecast, 54p. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 1½l, 1l. Winner was bought in for 1,550 guineas.

2.30 (2.32) TORMARTON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,457: 6f)
Quantum Major, b c, by Thatch—Smart Sheila, 9-0 .... R. Curant (4-1) 1
Lucky Man .... T. Rogers (11-4) 2
The Sampson Boys .... P. Eddery (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Still Hope (4th), 6-1 Red Streamer, 12-1 Pomander, Proud Performance, Splendid Girlie, Tall Ship, 16-1 Thumrait, Thermidor, 20-1 Casual Affair, Golden Zipper, 33-1 Gregorys Gold, Stars At Night, Barbra, Granados Queen, Jearlet. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 15p, 24p, 29p; dual forecast, £1.49. D. Whelan, at Epsom. Hd, 1l.

3.0 (3.1) LUCKINGTON HAN[DICAP] (2-y-o: £1,758: 1m 8yds)
Silver Horseshoe, b c, by Songe[dor]—Hammerwood, 7-10 .... N. Howe (3-1 [...]) 1
La Piccolina .... T. Rogers ([...]) 2
Mansion Marauder .... B. Rouse (10[...]) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Brandish, 5-1 Ayanti Carlo, 10-1 Kitty [...], 25-1 Foxley Mel, 33-1 Phyllisia[...].
TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 11[p ...], 14p; dual forecast, £1.09. R. A[...] at Lambourn. ½l, 1½l.

3.30 (3.31) LANGRIDGE HA[NDICAP] (£1,622: 1½m 50 yds)
Leopard's Rock, b g, by Hur[...]combe—Reina Cristina [...] .... R. Muddle (4-6 [...]) 1
Bonandra .... S. Young ([...]) 2
First Break .... S. Richards ([...]) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Tonnaisi (4[th]), Reclamation, 33-1 Soulou. 6 r[an].
TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11[p ...]; dual forecast, 33p. J. Dun[lop, at] Arundel.

4.0 (4.1) LYEGROVE HA[NDICAP] (£1,680: 5f 167yds)
Miss Anabella, b f, by Brianslan—Ursula, 5-8-12 .... P. Madden ([...]) 1
Boundless .... I. Johnson ([...]) 2
Marshall McCloud .... E. Johnson ([...]) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jt favs Re[...], Daring Era, 6-1 Zinoordi-D[...], 12-1 Balante, 16-1 Human, 20-1 [...], 33-1 Rathinrose, My Eagle (4[th]). [...] ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.07; places, 30[p ...], 11p; dual forecast, £1.72. N. A[...], Bescaby. 1½l, 1l.

4.30 (4.31) SHERSTON [STAKES] (3-y-o: £1,011: 1m 5f 12yd[s])
Moriolly, ch f, by Morston (Fr[...])—Miss Lollypop .... G. Starkey (evens [fav]) 1
Warosth .... R. Street (100-[...]) 2
Fairy Castle .... J. Matthias (12[...]) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Saved [...], Heli (4th), 33-1 Cumberland[...], 50-1 Dukes Forte, Belle Chat.
TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11[p ...]; dual forecast, 25p. G. Harw[ood, at] Pulborough. ½l, 10l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Silver Ho[rseshoe] and Miss Anabella, £60.80. T[REBLE:] Quantum Major, Leopard's R[ock and] Moriolly, £5.00. JACKPOT: £[...]. PLACEPOT: £5.75.

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yo, Sept 25.—Steven Ovett, jtair confirmed his position e world's top miler when he the "Golden Mile" at an natin athletics meeting here , bu he was well outside worl record. Ovett, the pean and World Cup 1,500 s champion, played his usual g gate before bursting away e fin stages to win in three es 5.5sec, Gonzalez, of e, wa second in 3:57.3 with er Baon, Williamson, third 59.2.

io, olKenya, holder of four records in the 10,000, 5,000, and 3,000 metres steeple- tooka commanding lead in irst lp but was forced to out hlf way through while n fron Rono, who has had nishin season, said after- be hd been suffering from andula complaint. "The r told ie it was OK to run after oe lap it began to me. tried to go on but o give p", he said.

on (Nw Zealand) took from Rno, trailed by Ovett Gonzalez With about 300 s left Ovett changed gear to smoothl to victory. It was s a tactiel race, with Ovett nined to win rather than ically tryto beat the world record of 1:49.4 set by New nd's John Walker in Göte- in 1975.

st Germay's Wessinghage, r of the European mile re- in 3:52.5, inished sixth with of the United States, fourth. t received a gold trophy, d at 9,500 dllars, which will allenged for annually.

meeting, kfore a capacity l of 70,000, roduced a num- f upsets, on of the biggest g in the hanner. Sedyh, of oviet Union, beat the world



Ovett after his "golden" victory.

record holder, Riehm, of West Germany with a throw of 74.44 metres. Riehm had a best of 71.84 metres to finish third behind Orlando, of Italy.

The European champions, Hofmeister and Schmid, also of West Germany, failed to finish in the top three in the men's 200 metres and 400 metres hurdles, respectively.

Cybulski, of Poland, won the long jump with a leap of 7.99 metres to beat the European champion, Rousseau of France, who was second with 7.87. The Soviet Union headed the points table with 149 followed by Poland on 148 and West Germany on 137.

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M: 1, V. Ignenko (USSR), ssec; 2, M. Woenn (Poland); 3, H. Panzo (rance), 10.55; Green (GB), 10.7.

M: 1, L. Dunckl (Poland), es; 2, A. Roger (US), 21.33; Hoyte (GB), 21.4.

M: 1, S. Vipson (S), 46.05sec; Laing (GB), 16.5s; 3, F. hon (France), 6.39.

M: 1, J. Marsio (France), 1min ; 2, W. Wuelbel (W Ger- 1:47.9; 3, S. Clark (US), 4, C. Cook (GB), 1:48.5.

M: 1, S. Ovett (GB), 3min ; 2, F. Gonzalez (France); 3, G. Williamson (GB).

OOM: 1, A. Fedotin (USSR); 2, J. Kevor (Poland); 3, T. Kamaa (Japan); 4, C. Stedung (GB).

OOM: 1, V. Orlis (Italy), 29min ; 2, F. Seko (Japa), 29:20.8; Ullemann (W Germany); 6, K. Penny (GI), 29:39.8.

M HURDLE: 1, W. Nehel (US), 3, B. Giubeme (Italy), 3, B. Price (GB), 14.01.

M HURDLE: 1, V. Arkhipenko 49.45sec; 2, T. Nagao 4:4.9; 3, T. Andews (US), 8, G. James (GB), 13.93.

OM STEEPLECHASE: 1, B. wski (Poland), 8min 19.3sec; Iwabuci (Japan), 8:20.8; 3, Lemire (France), 8:32.8; 5, I. ur (GB) 8:40.0.

M RELA: 1, Poland, 39.10sec; viet Unin, 39.48; 3, France.

OM RELAY: 1, United States, 04.9sec; 2, West Germany, ; 3, Japa, 3:06.5; 6, Britain.

G JUMP: 1, G. Cybulski d), 7.99; 2, J. Rousseu (), 7.87; 3, A. Robinson (US), 4, R. Mitchell (GB), 7.83.

H JUMP: 1, V. Yaschenko , 2.28m 2, B. Fields (US), 3, B. Brnl (Italy), 2.23; 7. weiyn (GE), 2.13.

POLE VAULT: 1, V. Trofimenko (USSR), 5.50m; 2, W. Buciarski (Poland), 5.40; 3, G. Lehre (W Germany), 5.30.
TRIPLE JUMP: 1, V. Sanejew (USSR), 17.02m; 2, A. Moore (GB), 16.76; 3, R. Livers (US), 16.54.
JAVELIN: 1, M. Grebnev (USSR), 8.46; 2, M. Wessing (W Germany), 85.34; 3, P. Bielczyk (Poland), 84.08; 7, P. Yates (GB), 72.68.
DISCUS: 1, A. de Vincentis (Italy), 60.82m; 2, A. Wagner (W Germany), 60.38; 3, S. Woloszko (Poland), 59.90; 8, P. Dickenson (Britain), 42.46.
HAMMER: 1, V. Sedyh (USSR), 74.44m; 2, P. Urlando (Italy), 72.06; 5, K.-H. Riehm (W Germany), 71.84.

Women

100 METRES: 1, S. Lannaman (GB), 11.09sec; 2, L. Maslakova (USSR), 11.27; 3, E. Rabsztyn (Poland), 11.57.
200 METRES: 1, L. Kondratieva (USSR), 22.81sec; 2, B. Goddard (GB), 23.24; 3, V. Rosset (France), 23.56.
400 METRES: 1, I. Szewinska (Poland), 50.97sec; 2, L. Kalchanova (USSR), 51.27; 3, V. Elder (GB), 52.66.
1,500 METRES: 1, S. Ulmasova (USSR), 4m1 10.8sec; 2, B. Kraus (W Germany), 4:11.3; 3, G. Dorio (Italy), 4:11.8; 4, M. Stewart (GB), 4:30.1.
100 METRES HURDLE: 1, T. Anisimova (USSR), 13.03sec; 2, D. Porka (Poland), 13.11; 3, L. Boothe (GB), 13.46.
400 METRES RELAY: 1, Soviet Union, 43.04sec; 2, Britain, 43.65; 3, Poland 43.85.
LONG JUMP: 1, V. Bardauskene (USSR), 6.53m; 2, J. Curet (France), 6.50; 3, S. Reeve (GB), 6.36.
HIGH JUMP: 1, S. Simeoni (Italy), 1.93m; 2, B. Holzapfel (W Germany), 1.91; 3, L. Ritter (US), 1.88; 8, G. Ritchen (GB), 1.75.
JAVELIN: 1, T. Sanderson (GB), 62.66m; 2, I. Thyssen (W Germany), 59.53; 3, S. Calvert (US), 57.52.
SHOT: 1, M. Selditz (US), 17.35m; 2, B. Philipp (W Germany), 17.65; 3, B. Habrzek (Poland), 17.20; 6, A. Littlewood (GB), 15.84.

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e Hobbs of Cheshire, aged in the team of five British s players to oppose the d States in the annual en's match for the Wightman to be contested at the Albert from Novembe 2 to 4. She probably play the second les, with Susan Mappin. The players chosen are Virginia , Susan Barker and Michele . These three are expected to singles and Miss Wade and Barker are likely to be in's top doubles pair.

United States team will be tine Evert, Billie Jean King, Austin, aged 15, Pamela er, aged 16, and Joanne Rus- Miss Austin, Miss Shriver diss Hobbs are all newcomers e event. The United States last year's match, played at nd, California, by 7—0. n secured only two sets, were won by Miss Wade diss Tyler in singles.

ong touring team

e Australian Rugby League ng team have chosen what xpected to be almost their national side, for the match st Cumbria, at Barrow on day.

STRAINS (v Blackpool sh, Saturday): McMahon; as, Rogers, Thompson, Schubert; onds, Dilphant; Morris, Hilditch, g, Boyd Kneen, Pierce (captain); ughes; Martin and Walker.
STRALIANS (v Cumbria): Eadie; ead, Cronin, Martin, Anderson; n (captain), Randonikis; Olling, ls, Thomson, Gerard, Reddy. Substitutes: Thomson, Boyd.

Powerful young players off to a good start

Rohun Beven and Christopher Bradnam, two of Britain's most powerful young tennis players gave their country a flying start in their effort to retain the international under-21 team championship sponsored by Perrod at Nottingham University sports centre yesterday.

Britain have won both men's and women's titles in each of the two years since the inauguration of the championship and the men particularly look like being hard to beat if Beven and Bradman maintain yesterday's form.

Beven, a tall left hand player had the toughtest match of the day when he beat the Dutch player, Michiel Schapars, 6—3, 5—7, 6—4, but Bradnam, a 20-year-old, had an easier time in this round robin series and defeated Dusan Pohl of Czechoslovakia 6—0, 6—1.

Men

UNDER-21 COMPETITION: Group A: R. Beven beat M. Schapars (Netherlands), 6—3, 5—7, 6—4. Group B: C. Bradnam beat D. Phol (Czechoslovakia), 6—0, 6—1; M. Roberts (Canada) beat O. Halgren (Sweden), 4—6, 6—4, 6—3; P. Smith (NZ) beat P. Denjau (France), 6—3, 6—4.
OPEN SINGLES: W. Rampson (Australia) beat N. Ragner, 6—1, 6—4; W. Davies beat D. Watt, 7—5, 7—5; R. Booth beat P. Bincow, 7—5, 7—6.

Women

UNDER-21 COMPETITION: Group A: H. Popeckova (Czechoslovakia) beat A. Chevalier (France), 6—3, 6—1; M. Tzaban (Israel) beat L. Sean (Canada), 6—4, 6—4; C. Drury beat M. Pakker (Netherlands), 6—4, 4—6, 6—3. Group B: N. Delalgue (France) beat T. Levin (Israel), 6—2, 2—6, 6—3; S. Davies beat M. Shuherska (Czechoslovakia), 4—6, 6—1, 6—3; N. Bland (Canada) beat B. Morlock (W Germany), 6—0, 7—5.
OPEN SINGLES: C. Molesworth beat F. Moffitt, 6—3, 7—5; L. Siegelman (US) beat L. Geovs, 6—2, 2—1, retd; A. Cooper beat A. Coe, 6—4, 6—1.

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ERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red . Toronto Blue Jays 6; New York es 4, Cleveland Indians 0; it Tigers 4, Baltimore Orioles 2; esota Twins 6 Kansas City Royals lifornia Angels 7, Chicago White ; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Oakland les 2; Texas Rangers 5, Seattle ers 3 and 4—1.
TIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia es 8, New York Mets 2; Montreal 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Chicago 5, St Louis Cardinals 4; Cinn Reds 2, Atlanh Braves 1; Los les Dodgers 4, San Diego Padres an Francisco Giants 7, Houston 0 and 6—4.

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PA, California: 270 T. Watson, 69, 66, 67, 273, E. Sneed, 68, 69, 70, 276, B. Jaekel, 69, 67, 72, 276, O. Moody, 70, 69, 70, R. Gilder, 71, 68, 68, 69; R. er, 67, 72, 66, 71; D. A. Weibring, 67, 69, 69, 277, L. Graham, 72, 71, 69; J. Haas, 66, 71, 66, 75; dwards, 70, 68, 69, 70; L. Lietzke, 69, 66, 74.
RTLAND, Oregon: National en's team championship: 203, K. Worth and D. C. Young, 70, 68, (won after sudden death play- M. Breer and B. Maxnes, 70, 68, 304. J. A. Boat and B. s, 66, 69, 69, 206. J. Wazmeleski S. Spurgin, 67, 71, 67; J. A. lice and B. Stone, 67, 70, 69; Ucott and D. Massey, 67, 69, 69, J. Blalock and J. Joyce, 69, 69, 207. S. Bertolacini (Argentina) S. Little (S Africa), 73, 68, 66 ppor and J. A. Washam, 71, 69, D. Lundquist and S. Roberts, 71, 68, 208. V. Brownlee and M. ms, 73, 67, 68; B. Burfeindt and iggins, 70, 66, 69; J. Britz and Postlewait, 72, 67, 69. Overseas ers: 209, M. Walker (GB) and Zanley (US), 71, 70, 68, 213, J. Smith (GB) and S. Ferdon (US), 69, 71.
URIN: Tournament of champions: Italy (A. Schinelino 78, L. Silva 2, M. Buscalni 76, F. Dagau 78), England (P. Cottrill 66, P. Head 8, S. Bamford 83, V. Marvin 78), South (N. Sasardu 78, R. Tava 2, C. de Arriasona 77, M.-F. Dotti 1).

917, Franco (F. Jiouz 76, M. Raffray 61, C. Bromet 77, N. Jeanson 78), 918, Sweden (K. Kinell 69, M. Sorling 79, B. Werneskog 72, M. Wennerstan 78), 925, Scotland (I. Carslaw 75, A. Taylor 76, B. Robertson 74, J. Smith 82), 941, Switzerland (M. Knasler 73, J. Storjahann 77, C. Carbonnier 76, C. de Wurth 83), 945, Wales (H. Evans 77, D. McLean 77, A. Brigg 86, T. Perkins 77), 944 Ireland (T. Cleary 78, M. Morris 76, J. Butler 81, M. Gorry 79), 967, West Germany.

Tennis

LOS ANGELES: Semi-final round: B. Gottfried beat P. Fleming, 6—3, 6—7, 6—3; A. Ashe beat H. Solomon, 6—7, 6—1, 6—0.
MONTREAL: Women's tournament: Final: C. Stoll beat F. Durr (France), 6—3, 6—2.
HARTFORD: Final: J. McEnroe beat J. Krick, 6—3, 6—4.
BUENOS AIRES: B. Borg beat J. L. Clerc, 6—1, 6—1; J. Connors beat I. Nastase, 6—4, 6—0.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Giants 27, San Francisco 49ers 10; Washington Redskins 25, New York Jets 3; Buffalo Bills 24, Baltimore Colts 17; Los Angeles Rams 10, Houston Oilers 6; Philadelphia Eagles 17, Miami Dolphins 3; Pittsburgh Steelers 15, Cleveland Browns 9; New Orleans Saints 20, Cincinnati Bengals 18; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 14, Atlanta Falcons 6; Seattle Seahawks 38, Detroit Lions 16; Green Bay Packers 24, San Diego Chargers 3; Dallas Cowboys 21, St Louis Cardinals 13; Denver Broncos 35, Kansas City Chiefs 17; New England Patriots 31, Oakland Raiders 14.

Cycling

WEST BERLIN: Six-day race: 1, W. Peffgen/A. Fritz (W Germany), 128 pts, 1 lap behind; 2, D. Thurau/P. Sercu (W. Germany/Belgium), 166; 3, G. Hartz/R. Pijnen (W Germany/Netherlands), 82, 2 laps behind; 4, D. Clark/D. Allan (Australia), 85, 7 laps behind; 5, H. Schuetz/R. Hermann (W Germany/Liechtenstein), 136, 9 laps behind; 6, M. Venix/G. Karstens (Netherlands), 66, 10 laps behind.

Cricket

Young fast bowler to be coached by Tyson

Jonathan Agnew, the 18-year-old Leicestershire fast bowler, is an unexpected choice among four Whitbread Scholarship cricketers to play in Australia next winter. Agnew, a slim 6ft 3in, has played only four first-class matches, in which he took six wickets. But in that time, did enough to earn a rating as the second fastest bowler in the country.

This assessment came from former England captain and Leicestershire leader, Ray Illingworth, who believes that among Englishmen only Bob Willis was bowling faster this summer.

Agnew's three colleagues in the Whitbread scheme, which allows them to play cricket in Australia all winter, are all batsmen—Michael Gatting of Middlesex, Christopher Tavaré, who narrowly missed selection for the full England party, and Wayne Larkins, of Northamptonshire.

Extra significance is attached to these names because England will be in Australia simultaneously and Alec Bedser, chairman of selectors, said the Whitbread cricketers would be chosen specifically "so that they will be on hand and in practice if we need them in the Ashes Tests".

Agnew spent the early part of the summer bowling for Uppingham School and passing A levels in German and English. He leaves for Australia within a week and will be coached by Frank Tyson. In 1954-55 Tyson devastated Australia's batsmen with a unique display of fast bowling.

Lord Killanin, a man who takes crises and stress in his stride, sets an Olympian standard for his successor

IOC chief A-OK and killing off rumours

Lord Killanin sat in his den at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, a toe punt from the famous rugby ground, glowing with such rude health that I was almost ashamed to put the question. A number of people have expressed concern about his health since he was struck down by a coronary last year; yet he is now four stone lighter than before, looking four years younger in age, and counting four walking miles under his feet every day he is at home. As if that were not enough, he was later to show me the pool, unheated, in his garden which envelops his comparatively spare frame two or three times a day. As the weather fails he transfers his formidable front crawl to the indoor pool of the Fitzwilliam Club. The question, about his physical well-being, remained unasked.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will, then, be faced with finding a new president only when the present holder of the office chooses, which will almost certainly be in 1980, though he interpolates a cautionary "If God does not take me first", his present condition notwithstanding. His formal term ends two years from now, but his popularity and presence are such that he would be asked, has been asked and will be asked again to serve for another four years. But that is not in his mind. He believes that eight years is long enough in such an onerous position. He was elected in 1972.

He exhibits none of the stresses that pull him this way and that, notably when the Canadian Government refused entry of the Taiwan team to the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, and when most of the African nations boycotted the Games because of New Zealand's alleged sporting connexions with South Africa. Killanin was a much criticized and, I believe, much maligned man then.

As if these persistent tugs of war were not enough (the negotiations with Los Angeles over the 1984 Games has been a more recent source of torment), his other activities pose their problems and their embarrassments. The problem, when I called upon him and Lady Killanin the other day, was caused by industrial action at a bank with which he is connected, the embarrassment by his quite innocent connexion with Irish Shell on this the day of the publication of the Bingham report. He presides over these recurring crises with a bland good humour, pausing about every minute to try to breathe some life into a recalcitrant pipe.

Not only is his den filled with Olympic bric-à-brac, mingling with mementoes of his other activities down the years—Eton, Cambridge, Fleet Street, film production and high-powered tycoonery. It is impossible to move about the house from the largest room to the very smallest, especially the very smallest, without coming face to face with some faded photograph, some handsome oil, some example of the exotic generosity extended to him, sometimes with honourable intentions, at others in a fruitless attempt to sway his judgment. He seems to live by the dictum once enunciated by a former editor of *The Times*: "You may never refuse a bribe, but you must never be influenced by one."

One particularly treasured possession is his Los Angeles Emerald Yacht Club cap, presented to him jointly by John Ford (commodore) and John Wayne (vice-commodore). It is a clue to his character that for all the patrician background of an English peerage his abhorrence of Wayne's reactionary politics is in proportion to his admiration of Wayne the man. But all is not gold that expensively glisters among his souvenirs. He took kindly to the gift of a fountain pen that embodied a digital watch, calendar and heaven knows what else. But when he had cause to have it repaired he discovered that it could be bought for about £12. He still likes to show it off and tell the story against himself.

At lunch he sat beneath a full-scale portrait of Killanin the young blade, wearing his then habitual green tie and carrying gloves, Hannen Swaffer hat and blackthorn. He and his wife eat in style and the day I called they happened to have caviar and pheasant on the menu, or it could be that I happened to call the day they had caviare and pheasant on the menu. Lady Killanin was kind enough to rustle up, at short notice, poached eggs on toast for the benefit of a fragile visitor.

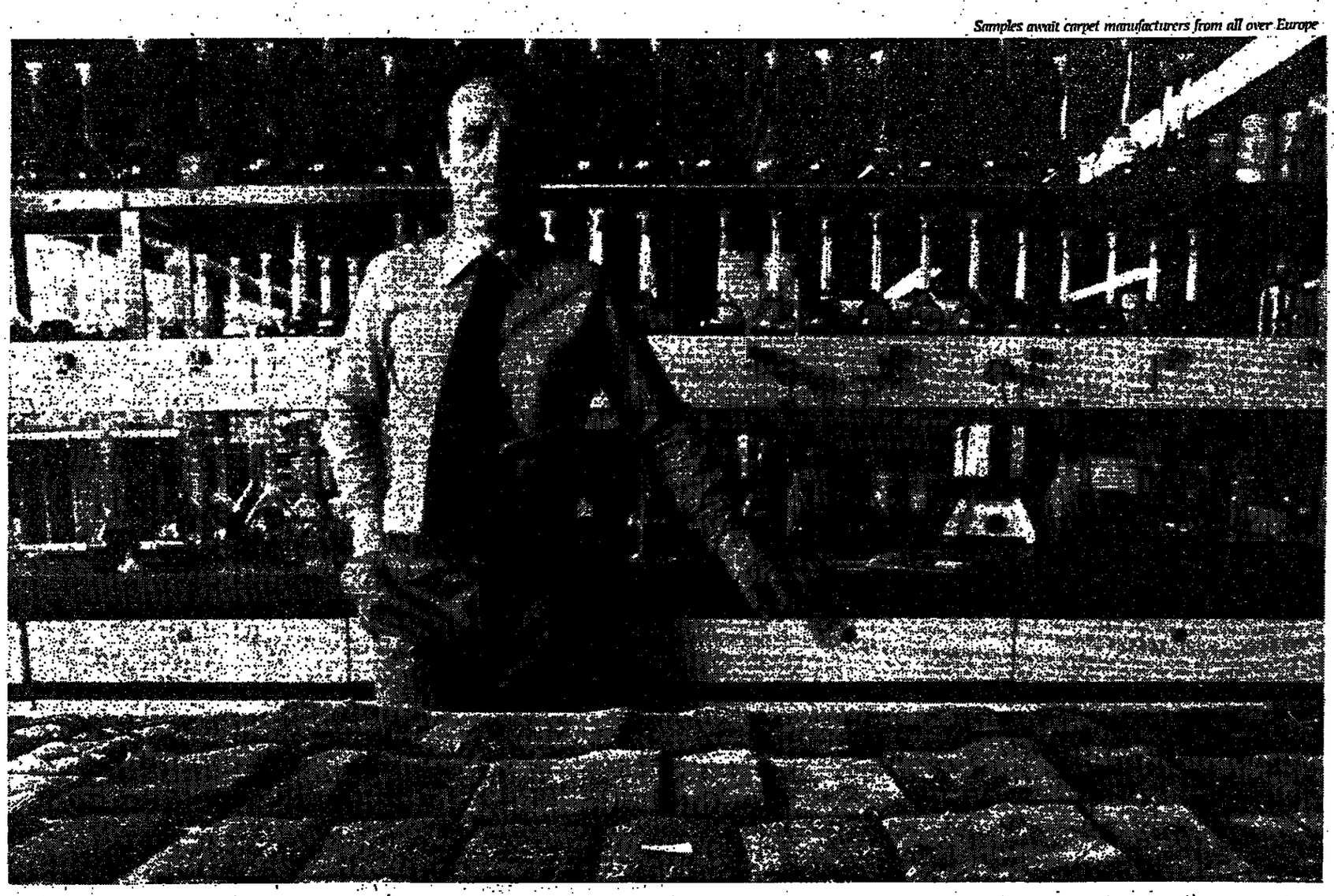
Unless, against expectations, Killanin is persuaded to carry on he will be denied the two special ambitions he had left, the introduction of women members to the IOC and the reintroduction of China. The presence of Taiwan among the 135 Olympic nations is a formidable stumbling block in the path of Peking and it is unlikely to be resolved within the next year or two. As for women members, the obvious candidates belong to countries which already have members on the IOC and vacancies do not always fall conveniently for compatriotic replacement.

Killanin will not discuss individuals, but it is commonly known that Tenley Allbright stands high in his esteem. Once an Olympic figure skating champion for the United States, she is now a surgeon, who has kept in touch not only with Olympic affairs but also, perhaps more important, Olympic competitors. Others believed to be under consideration are Nadia Lekarska, of Bulgaria, who created such a favourable impression during the last Olympic congress in Varna in 1973, and Lea Manoliu, discus competitor for Romania for five successive Olympic Games between 1952 and 1968.

Killanin is equally unwilling to discuss the identity of his probable successor, but I shall be surprised if Willi Daume, of West Germany, and Juan Samaranch, of Spain, are not among the front runners when the time comes. Mr Samaranch has two distinct advantages. At 58, he is seven years younger than Mr Daume, who is himself a year older than Killanin; and, now that he is Spain's ambassador to Moscow, Mr Samaranch can hope to command strong support in eastern Europe as well as, naturally, the Latin American countries. But whoever is chosen suffers the disadvantage of inviting odious comparisons with his predecessor.

John Hennessy

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Why Mr Enoch Powell is determined to prove that Ulster wants to stay British

Had there been an October election Mr Enoch Powell is serenely confident that he would have been returned to Parliament as the member for South Down to continue his campaign to keep Ulster integrated—on a firmer basis—with the United Kingdom and to extricate the United Kingdom from the EEC. He is sure that he will hold South Down whenever the election comes—later rather than sooner by his calculations, though he is conditioned to the unpredictability of political life.

His objective is to increase his 1974 majority, to offer decisive proof of Ulster's settled resolve to stay British. Only the size of that majority will depend upon the pattern of vote-splitting on either side. Such a loyalist demonstration seems to him of the greatest moment when English opinion is veering to defeatism over Northern Ireland. Just as stability and law and order are being restored to the province, at the cost of the lives of hundreds of brave men and innocent civilians, the English are increasingly accepting the view that the Irish must be left to sort themselves out.

For this reason, among others, Mr Powell thinks the result in South Down will be more significant than in 1974. This is best shown by considering the implications for Unionism (of all shades) of losing the seat. For then a front-ranking English parliamentarian, the first in 50 years to represent Unionism from an Ulster constituency, a politician who made Ulster's cause his own, whose very origin symbolizes the constitutional unity of the Kingdom, and whose work for that unity for four years has been pivotal, would have been rejected by Ulster electors. "Republican territory" would reach from the border to eight miles from Belfast. The loss of Fermanagh in 1974 to the republicans bears no comparison. The end of Powell would be the beginning of the end of something far bigger than Powell. Hence he thinks it cannot happen.

But the figures suggest it could. Four years ago when, wearing Carson's mantle, he spoke drenched with perspiration to tumultuous and cheering meetings, the constituency which a virtually absentee Ulsterman had held with majorities of 10,000 proved to be marginal when an Englishman contested it. Powell added 2,000 to the Unionist vote but his majority was down to 3,000. Today the analysts, looking at the votes for the rival Unionists in the 1975 Convention elections, fear that a split would lose the seat by a similar margin.

But four years of the sort of constituency work that raised a majority of 600 in Wolverhampton South West to 14,000 in 20 years has left its mark on South Down, which Mr Powell has served as (it is admitted) no Orangeman could, without regard to religious or other affiliation. He was told he was wasting his time with the Catholics. But it is his duty to serve them, so he has and does. He has, for instance, visited a house in almost every street in Roman Catholic Newry, where today he walks freely without police protection, affably greeting and being greeted by anybody who passes. They may not vote for him, but they say he has worked for them as nobody else ever has. Some of them may not vote against him. He is the first MP in South Down to have an agent with office hours, and he has built an electoral organization that hardly existed in 1974.

Ah, but, they say, his Achilles heel is that he is English. The Reverend Ian Paisley never lets the elect forget it. Powell used to betray



he was not Ulster-made, but to a polyglot the mastery of a cultural idiom *is* a matter of time and application. The black homburg is now laid aside (or rather, as he impishly showed me in his Down home, is held in reserve if not *in terrorem*) in favour of a country cap and tweeds. He knows his constituency townland by townland, knows its history backwards from today's Troubles through Cromwell to St Patrick. He knows who lives where, what for, in what faith, from what forebears. Six-inch scale maps bulge in his car-door pockets. And he revels in it all.

He was taken to task for requiring Ulster folk to put problems for their MP on paper. Now they realize it is the only way to get results, now that they have lost their local Stormont MPs (who were almost members of their household) and their elective councillors. They are not used to having their problems taken up in Westminster. But they see Mr Powell getting through the Whitehall "colonial" mandarins who administer the land—through even the Brussels bureaucrats, as the day-boat fishermen, for instance, found when he won for them the herring quota which Brussels in the name of conservation abolished along with their livelihood. (The sort of job, he reminds people, that he will be unable to do for them when Ulster has three European MPs, probably including Dr Paisley.) His work ranges from maladministered planning applications up to major developments—though his ambition for a fast expanded car/container ferry service from Anglesea to the top of Carlingford Lough to open up southern Down commercially has been foiled.

Such constituency service is as integral as his set-piece speeches or Westminster interventions to the uncompromising constitutional doctrine that runs through. Powell like Brighton rock, from rejecting the EEC to integrating Ulster. In the smallest constituency enquiry he feels at one with that intimate union or communion of people and parliament that makes the United Kingdom unique. Romantic? Powell will show you that our constitution from Crown down to an aggrieved constituent's "SOS" to his MP has a logic beyond even French genius.

Do his people read him? The polls at least show that 80 per cent of Unionists now favour integration, as Molyneaux and Powell have made it a practical reality. That combination has won them the promise of the extra MPs, and will doubtless get it embodied in a Bill before the election—perhaps also a start upon democratizing direct rule by some type of local authority, possibly on the lines of Strathclyde's. Some may realize that the transformation of security at last derives from belated acceptance of the prescription, at least in part, Mr Powell put forward for beating terrorism in 1971.

Even so, the spell of Paisley's exclusivist vision binds many Protestants, and it is his power that makes Powell's friends fear for him. He as much disdains to walk in fear of Paisley as of the IRA. He has extra time to top up his record (and he thinks Labour rule with Mason more benign to Ulster interests than the alternative). He will not waste it.

Roy Lewis

Roy Lewis's biography of Enoch Powell will be published by Cassell in the New Year.

Welcom relief for Peking's diploma

The news that banque official airport receptic visiting dignitaries no are to be abolished wil as both a relief and appointment for the cor dents and diplomats there.

On the one hand, th for frequent half-hour c to the airport, followed waits and barely a ch take a picture of the statesman, were a time ing intrusion into the day. But journalists alw to be near to famous m it was useful to see leaders at reasonabl quarters, if only bea made them easier to ac on other occasions.

The ability to wre diplomatic line-up in welcome parades can provide a little color th would otherwise be dul —even if the reades d a little tired of the cho of dancing girls in col costumes".

There were also the to button-hole som man the information departm the Chinese Foreign M and ask for something arranged, or pop a p question on the ill-cha a pregnant "no comment

The banquets were in ways more tiresome troublesome. But they d vide a chance for longe versations with official were literally captive au for the questions or griev of the foreigners at tables they sat.

The diplomat in the time, ambassadors and c d'affaires, had to sit t banquet after banqu (usually) the same co because they were ch according to their len stay in Peking. They spend years meeting eac at the same table, wheth had anything to talk ab not.

The invitation to a was therefore usually with a groan: it mean ing the better part of a ing making desultory sation, eating food whi worse than mediocre by standards, and sitting t seemingly endless p speeches, each translate the language of the guished visitor.

An army band sat ne journalists' tables, at t end of the massive Gre banqueting room, which seat several thousand gu necessary. Occasionally, band would play tunes to flatter the visitor: *The Boating Song* for Sir Douglas-Home, *Wa Matilda* for Mr Whitlam, and the football of the wrong college for dent Ford. The na anthems of both countri lowed.

Some banquets were ened by the eccentric beh of the visitors. For in President Mobutu Sese S Zaire, who invited his hu of guests to pour their on the floor as a tribute ancestors — until the Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, gently in his ear. A comp was reached and Pr Mobutu suggested that pour their drinks into a front of him.

Some visitors brough own chefs to prepare banquets"—usually wit qualified success. Pr Echeverria of Mexico nately served Mexica covered with cheese, th of which most Chinese hate. But President Kim brought North Korean the best I have tasted Britain—and visitors w not want to show off th national cuisine simply hosts to lay on a "ret quet" in Chinese styl cost of about £15 a h

Nonetheless, though t now have some free and be liberated from quent trips to the journalists and diplo Peking will probably r rare—but at least live— which the ceremonies ga with the world of high

David Bo



The Master players

Bernard Levin

It may well be, as many restless young folk, forever rushing from one novelty to another, would have us believe, that the motor-car is here to stay and that the horse, as the most usual means of individual locomotion, will eventually be supplanted—has indeed, in many areas, particularly the centres of our great cities, already been supplanted. Perhaps; but last Friday, at the Royal Festival Hall, my own eyes and ears provided evidence that, however much the quality of sound reproduction on radio, records and tapes may improve, and however low the cost of those records and tapes may fall (and the former is now close to the limits of perfection, while the latter has been reduced to a level that leaves almost nobody beyond a price-barrier), there will never be a time when so many music-lovers will prefer to love their music mechanically at home that the concert-hall will become an anachronism, one or two being preserved, at the instigation of Sir John Betjeman, to remind us of the way things musical used to be. So perhaps, the motor-car, undeniably useful adjunct to convenient living though it is, will still leave the horse and its function undisturbed.

I have often noticed the subtle but unmistakable difference between a concert-hall or opera-house (oddly, the phenomenon does not seem to exist in the theatre) that is full in the colloquial sense, by which is generally meant something around, or somewhat over, nine-tenths of capacity, and one that is full in the mathematical sense—that is, in which *every* seat is occupied, apart from the inevitable half-dozen empty ones that show where somebody's car has broken down on the way (serves them right for not sticking to a morse). The place seems not only more crowded, but more alive; the susurration that fills the foyers, and that throbs in the auditorium itself before the performance begins, is qualitatively different as well.

This, of course, is to some extent accounted for by the fact that any concert which is entirely sold out is likely to be of a nature that itself generates excitement. And last Friday's concert, at which the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, under Sir Georg Solti, played the Third Symphony of Brahms and the First of Mahler, was emphatically just such an occasion.

Anybody who has ever heard the Chicago orchestra conducted by Solti, even on records, and particularly anyone who heard any of the performances they gave on the European tour of which Friday's was the last concert (I was away for the two Proms they did, but I heard the Salzburg broadcast and was in Edinburgh in time to hear them there), will know what I mean by the excitement that such an occasion generates. The trouble is that for those who do not know it from their own experience, it is extraordinarily difficult to convey.

The Chicago is one of the world's greatest orchestras; true. And Solti holds a like eminence among conductors; also true. Yet it is the third leg of the tripod that enables it to stand, and he who can define the nature of that leg is well on the way to being able to define art. Some kind of electricity leaps from the platform to the audience when that combination is occupying it; indeed, the electricity is already flowing outside the hall before the concert starts, and is even generated by the mere announcement, months ahead, of the proposed performance. It is the same for the combination of Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic; Böhm and the Vienna; Abbado and the Scala; I had better not start on the giants of my youth, lest this paragraph should be unmanageably prolonged.

Mind; these combinations do not necessarily guarantee satisfaction in performance, for even the greatest players and conductors can fail to catch fire. I am talking only about the feeling of anticipation, of the sense that something remarkable in the realm of artistic communication is about to take place, of the pricking of the thumbs that in *Macbeth* signifies that something wicked *is on the way but in the con*cert-hall denotes a different approach altogether.

So it was last Friday, and I am no nearer the ability to define the magic of the concert now, after reflecting on it over the weekend, than I was when I was in the hall experiencing it. Parts of it can be defined, of course; the fully-justified confidence Solti had in the band of virtuosi before him was obvious in every line of his body, not to mention his demonic smile, and the certainty that nothing is going to go wrong is itself a powerful stimulant. And it could be felt at its strongest, this stimulant, in the passage, from the last movement of the Mahler, which is not only more cruelly exposed than anything else in the whole of the giant score, but in which any error or weakness will damage the effect beyond repair. I refer to the stupendous *cadenza* (I know it's not technically a *cadenza*, but you understand what I mean) for the horns, in which the motto theme is heard right through for the last time before the *coda* sweeps all, including us, before it. Mahler specified that the horns should stand at this point, and I daresay the Chicago's players, when they reach it, are not exactly so overcome by an excess of modesty that they are unhappy about obeying the composer's instructions.

However that may be, they stood (*nine* of them, incidentally); a gleaming arc, like a stripe painted in gold on the subfusc of the orchestra's evening dress. As one they stood, as one they raised their bells, as one they blazed forth the fanfare. If Solti had put down his baton, turned round, and addressed the audience through a loud-hailer, his words could not have made his meaning clearer than his face did at that moment, adorned as it was with a superhuman pride for which he will surely be damned, a superhuman joy for which he will no less surely be ransomed forthwith from hell, and an innocent, angelic, straightforward, instantly recognizable *glee* at being directly responsible for unleashing into the air so colossal and melodious a noise. No part of him, or of any of his nine players, had any fear that one of them might crack, displacing the melody into a horrid discord; the horn-players of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra do not crack, and it is one of the great musical ensembles of the world not because the horns do not crack, but because nobody involved even wonders for a moment whether they might.

The horns sat down, and a minute or so later the final chord of the symphony was bitten off as cleanly as every one had been throughout the work (the Chicago's many-headed one-ness in ending a sound is as astonishing and wonderful as the Philadelphia's famous trademark, the perfection of unity with which they attack). And it was during the passage for the horns that there was borne in upon me the truth that the reason I am unable to describe in words the nature of the bond that unites audience, players and conductor in such a performance is that if it *were* possible Mahler's First Symphony would be a book, not a piece of music, and would do its own work of conveying understanding in its own words. Music goes through different channels of understanding; invisible channels of an understanding that bypasses the conscious intelligence altogether. That, I believe, is why music is uniquely satisfying; it is simultaneously the reason that the noise made by the horns on this occasion was so affecting, and the explanation of why that reason cannot be conveyed, only experienced. I wish Georg Solti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra many more such conveyings, and myself many more such experiences. And I shall not sell my horse.

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LONDON DIARY

Words, words words on a diet

For Lawrence Durrell to take up the flaccid cause of Basic English is as surprising as for Jack Falstaff to renounce sack of both the potable and amatory sort and join Weight Watchers. Durrell is famous for his English style. But the fame is not for the abstemiousness of his vocabulary: quite the opposite. Yet there is the verbose little word-magician, on a flying visit to London to launch two characteristically linguacious books, and at the same time campaigning like crazy for C. K. Ogden's device propounded in 1929 for debabelizing English into a basic vocabulary of 850 words.

Lovers of Larry's lush and fancy verbiage can relax. He has not taken vows of linguistic chastity. But Josephine Mignot, his maid in Provence, has expressed a desire to learn English. Teaching English on behalf of the British Council in Athens before the war, Durrell was one of the guinea-pigs chosen to try out Basic English. Like Churchill, Roosevelt, Shaw, and Wells, he formed a high opinion of it. His students *could hobble in the language* after only a month. He says: "It was the most important invention of our century, apart from the petrol engine. It is a brilliantly functionally correct capsule language, from which you can go on to exfoliate lexically ad lib, with nothing to unlearn."

However, after a promising start, Basic English has languished. Durrell could find no textbook of it in print. So in London he has tracked down the surviving members of Ogden's Orthological Institute, and discovered the surviving copies of their fugitive texts in a cellar. This winter he intends to produce a Basic English grammar and teacher, with a text, perhaps of *Robinson Crusoe*.

The trustees have given him permission to add to the terse vocabulary seven words, without which it seems absurd in French. One of them is "breast", for which Basic English has to construct a periphrasis about milk vessels. Durrell says: "I kept running into breast the whole time, and it was holding me up." See nipples and die, Larry.

So Josephine will learn English. Ogden's invention may at last be recognized as the universal language. If it is, scholarship papers should clearly include passages from *The Alexandria Quartet* for translation into Basic English, a metamorphosis as arduous as that of Falstaff to a seven-stone stripling.

Star bores

Durrell, who is a sucker for Tarot, would have felt more at home at the autumn meeting of the Astrological Association at the Ingress of Libra than I. Perhaps hacks, who are also in the business of unverifiable prediction of the future, are naturally suspicious of rival systems.

I drew the short straw by having incautiously described astrology as ancient mumbo-jumbo, and accordingly had been challenged to show an open mind. About fifty persons, most of us persuaded that we are merely the stars' tennis balls, struck and bandied which way please them, met at the YWCA in Bloomsbury. The hall was in fact marked for badminton, not tennis. There was much starry-eyed talk of the harmonics of cosmic periods, *Raphael's Astronomical Ephemeris*, and the numinal world manifesting itself in the phenomenal.

The atmosphere had similarities to that of a fervent fringe religious meeting. People kept apologizing for the slide-projector, which had broken down. Speakers went on longer than scheduled. Everybody was effusive to the press. And there was undue emphasis on the galaxies of astrological books for sale at the back. Conversion was in the ascendant.

John Addey, a retired teacher and the grand old magus of English astrology, said: "One would suppose that a tradition that had flourished so long and interested so many great minds would have something in it. Modern scientists are very hostile to astrology. But universal intellects such as Kepler, Dante, Goethe, and Shakespeare found the subject profoundly interesting. They are as likely to have been right as our modern sages. It is really just a matter of keeping an open mind about highly significant statistical results over a long period".

Charles Harvey, the president of the association, said: "The world view of modern science is being recognized as inadequate. Astrological factors are part of the anomalous matter that the philosophy of science must take into account as it tries to construct a new model of the universe. Just as the liver cannot exist independently without a body, so you cannot consider life on Earth apart from the organism of which Earth is part, the solar system".

OK, lads, pax. If I substitute modern, pseudo-scientific mumbo-jumbo, and mutter it sotto voce, can I be excused the forthcoming meeting about karmic links? Then we can have the conjunction of the mind, and opposition of the stars.

Dry dock

Strictly speaking Marsala is not in Greater London, yet. But it can be smuggled into a *London Diary* because much of the support for saving its Punic ship has come from the learned societies of London. The latest dispatch from Honor Frost, the gallant director of the excavation, relates that at the last second the ship has been reprieved from deportation to the Palermo Museum.

A more suitable final mooring-place has been found for it in an old Marsala wine warehouse on the sea front, looking out to the Egadi Islands. There was fought the last battle of the First Punic War (*Aegates Insulae*). There the ship sank.

The roof of the warehouse leaks like a sieve, and the ship has to be protected with a plastic tent. The old warship, that once strode over the wine-dark and wet Mediterranean, can today be destroyed by water or even atmospheric humidity, because it has been treated with hydrophile wax: PEG, sc Polyethylene Glycol.

Before the Punic ship is home and dry to its last port, we urgently need to repair the roof of the warehouse and introduce machinery to control the humidity.

Alcoholiday

Christmas seems to have become our annual festival of conspicuous consumption. Accordingly, Asprey's of Bond Street has put on a show of suggested Christmas presents of great expense, exquisite workmanship, and generally awful taste; though since *de gustibus non disputandum*, I suppose we had better say: to the taste of those who buy their Christmas presents at Asprey's.



For those born with silver spoons in their mout suggest adding, amon other matter, a gold brush, a gold comb f beard, and a dimon costing £225,000, which to make your mouth well as your credit car

One of the few thin that a modest man wou known what to do wit crocodile-skin suitcas £4,400. But might it battered, and indeed ni the luggage turntable a row? The crocodile sa "Our customers all ha private aircraft, sir".

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THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF 5 PER CENT

As long predicted, Ford's 1978 pay claim has become the first major test of the Government's incomes policy. The way in which the triangular clash between the company, its unions and the Government has erupted makes difficult any compromise with honour for the parties involved. The trade union leaders involved correctly perceive that their members are not going to be satisfied with a 5 per cent increase, when they work for a highly profitable and relatively *productive concern, well* able to pay for a significantly higher wage settlement. The Government has chosen to adopt an inflexible form of incomes policy for the present round, based on a "norm" significantly below the going and likely rate of inflation. Such a policy would be badly damaged by an open and provocative breach so early in the pay year. And the company is faced with a devastating closure of all its British plants, because for the moment it is abiding by the letter of current government policy.

The political and psychological situation this year is different from that in 1977, when Ford settled for 12.3 per cent against a government "guideline" of a ceiling of 10 per cent on earnings. At this stage in 1977 the Government had not developed the subsequent full system, under which the guideline was transformed into something rigid, backed by sanctions, secret black lists and the rest. For at this stage last year the Government's incomes policy was aimed solely at stopping a prospective wage explosion that might have followed the ending of Phase Two. A majority view in the Government at that time, perhaps not shared by the Chancellor, was that once the danger of such a pay explosion had been averted through the autumn and early winter, there could have been a relatively orderly transition to something more like free collective bargaining by the spring of this year.

In retrospect it seems increasingly regrettable that this originally intended path out of the previous formal incomes policy was not followed. Apart from that danger of an explosion when Phase Two ended, it is extremely unlikely that average earnings would in fact have risen by any figure very different from the 14 to 15 per cent actually experienced. Given the general condition of the economy and of monetary and fiscal policy, it is doubtful whether the continued and more rigid application of incomes policy during the rest of Phase Three in 1978 contributed very much to wage restraint. Paradoxically, it was the apparent success of incomes policy in the first half of Phase Three that lent strength to the arguments, pressed by the Chancellor and others, that a rigid policy should be continued for the rest of the year. It led to the present situation of apparent impasse over Phase Four.

It also looks increasingly as if the 5 per cent norm on which Phase Four is based was overhastily adopted as an effective election slogan rather than as a thought-out policy for the whole of a wage round. If the election had been in October, the policy would have allowed the Government to present itself as being the more serious party in the fight against inflation. It would *have scored a few important* symbolic successes, with settlements of 5 per cent by those in weak bargaining positions. The important tests, like Ford, would not have shown up the inherent weakness in what is being proposed.

The central weakness is the fact that the economy cannot be run for long on a system where those who work for efficient and profitable companies get wage rewards well below the level represented by the contribution of their labour to the increase in the value added by that concern's activities. Wage increases are the perfectly legitimate way by which labour shares the increased profit of profitable enterprise. It may occasionally be right to break into this process in the name of a temporary incomes policy, though the permanent effect of such a process is usually less than its advocates claim. It is, however, impossible to continue to refuse legitimate wage claims year after year without inflicting lasting damage on the productive section of the economy.

Government, of course, has to face its responsibilities as a direct or indirect employer in the public sector. Here the problem of "comparability" has always been the bugbear. In the very short term the Government has no option but to make a judgment as employer as to what the public sector can afford to pay and negotiate on that basis. In the longer term a strong element of comparability inevitably creeps in, if public sector wages and salaries are not to fall substantially out of line with similar employment in the private sector. It by no means follows, however, that if a profitable company like Ford can afford to pay more than 5 per cent this year, all public sector employees are entitled to the same percentage.

In the natural order of things, it should be expected that there would be a wide divergence between what profitable and unprofitable enterprises were able to pay. There is no reason why a fitter in Ford should get the same as a fitter in British Leyland. The public sector over time will have to be kept in line with some average for wages in the rest of the economy. There is not the slightest requirement, however, that the public sector should get as of right the same as the highest paid in the private sector in any given year.

In terms of the present Ford dispute this analysis can only lead to one conclusion. It is that the company should be allowed to negotiate a reasonable commercial settlement with its employees. If the Government has boxed itself into the situation where as a result it has to apply sanctions against the company, then the company will have to accept that as a regrettable political fact of life this year. It is only by breaking out in this way that there is any hope of restoring the minimum necessary degree of flexibility to an excessively rigid policy.

EXIT M. SERVAN-SCHREIBER

M. Jean-Jcques Servan-Schreiber entered the French Parliament in 1970 with a spectacular by-election victory at Nancy, following the resignation of the sitting Gaullist deputy in protest against the government's decision to build the Autoroute de l'Est via Metz instead of via Nancy. M Servan-Schreiber, well known since the fifties as a left-of-centre journalist and publisher—founder of the magazine *L'Express* and author of *The American Challenge*, had at that time just embarked on a new career as a party leader, having taken over the almost defunct Radical Party and injected it with a heady mixture of economic liberalism, social concern and razzamatazz American style.

In the eight years since then he has led his party out of the left-wing opposition through the Centrist "Reformers' Movement" and into the Union for French Democracy which supports President Giscard d'Estaing. That has led him to co-habit uneasily in the governing majority with the Gaullists, whose sworn and cordially detested enemy he remains. He was even a minister in M Chirac's government for a few days in 1974, until he made the mistake of thinking that he could combine that role with public protests against French nuclear tests in the Pacific. Since then the President has realized that "JJSS" (as he is generally known) lacks the minimal self-effacement required for membership of a cabinet, but has continued to value him as a source of ideas and an antidote to the inertia which so easily affects parties in power.

But however much a gadfly of the government between elections, he could not escape presenting himself to the voters as a government candidate, and that in a region where the steady decline of the steel industry was inevitably reflected in a parallel decline of the government's popularity. Last March, when the fate of France hung in the balance between right and left, he just managed to hold his seat by four votes. But that result was annulled on a technicality and he was obliged to fight again, on his own, and in a less dramatic but gloomier atmosphere. The final blow, perhaps, was dealt last week by the government itself when it announced a plan to bring the steel industry under at least partial state control while abolishing between ten and fifteen thousand jobs. The wheel has come full circle, and Nancy is once again captured by the opposition (this time a Socialist) in a decisive by-election.

This is one of a run of by-election defeats for the government and successes for the Socialist Party, but the first so far in which the result of last March has been reversed. (There could be another in Paris next Sunday.) The principal cause of these defeats for the government is undoubtedly the discontent provoked by its very determined neo-liberal economic policy, which is allowing the prices of many hitherto controlled subsidized goods and services to rise while at the same time doing nothing to stimulate demand or soak up unemployment. Not surprisingly this brave experiment is being watched with great interest by some influential Conservatives in this country. In the short term it is politically disastrous, which means that the beginning of a new parliament is clearly the right time to try it. President Giscard d'Estaing can afford to lose a few by-elections, and is probably not too worried about the European elections next year. He himself is not due for re-election until 1981, by which time M Barre's policies may well have put France in a good position to benefit from any upturn in world trade—provided only that such an upturn occurs.

Removal of dead elms

From the Bishop of Bath and Wells

Sir, Presumably the Department of the Environment has a concern and responsibility for how town and country actually look, as well as a maintaining and safeguarding role after the pattern of the old Ministry of Works. Could a layman therefore ask what the DOE policy is *on the dead elms which now so* terribly disfigure the environment in many counties?

Clearly farmers are only cutting down dangerous trees or removing a few each year as time and funds permit. Tree-felling firms are comparatively few and far between, and I imagine are making enough money with their regular work and a few hundred elms a year extra, so that practically no impression is being made on the thousands of dead trees littering the land; I have seen a figure of 12 million.

Has the department wrestled with the government for money under the job-creation scheme or its successor? Could not accredited timber merchants (not the sharks, of course) be paid to train men how to do this skilled work, in cooperation with the farmers, and so build up county teams to tackle these trees over, say, the next five years?

I believe that the dead timber which is good for various purposes, including fuel for the proliferating wood-burning stoves, deteriorates with every year it stands. Meanwhile accidents from falling trees are bound to increase, and view after view in our beautiful country is made ugly for residents and visitors alike. The environment, to say the least, is not enhanced.

Labour traditionally looks for votes in the town more than in the country, and in these final months of the present parliament I should have thought the Government would do itself a lot of good in rural England by initiating a bold plan for removing the dead trees. This would earn it much gratitude from present and future lovers of the countryside, give strong men interesting work to do (and, after it was over, perhaps inspire them to stay on the land), and surely cost the taxpayer much less than paying out National Assistance. My friends, *the seven MPs of this diocese, all* of them Conservatives, can deal with me later if imaginative proposals, as I very much hope, emerge.

Yours faithfully,
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Printing House Square

From Dr D. M. Palliser

Sir, It is pleasant to see your old home commemorated by a plaque (September 19), but the inscription enshrines a garbled piece of pre-*Times* history. The Parliament which was summoned to Blackfriars did not "grant Henry VIII a divorce from Catherine of Aragon in 1529". Henry *certainly cultivated parlia*mentary support over his "divorce" (or strictly annulment), but he would have been shocked at the thought that Parliament had the competence to grant it.

In any case, only the first session of the Reformation Parliament (1529) was summoned to Blackfriars, and then prorogued to Westminster, and the issue was not apparently debated then. Only during the fifth session (Westminster, 1533) did Parliament effectively give the *Church* authority to decide on the validity of Henry's marriage, whereupon Convocation promptly ruled it invalid and Archbishop Cranmer pronounced the same conclusion after a staged "trial" at Dunstable.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PALLISER,
The University of Birmingham,
Department of Economic and Social History,
Birmingham.
September 20.

Letter from Marx

From Dr Tibor Frank

Sir, I was sorry to see in your September 5 issue my statement on Marx's recently discovered letter to Bertalan Szemere slightly misrepresented.

When publishing the letter in the April, 1978, number of *Magyar Tudomany*, Vol XXIII, pp 272-277, I pointed out that the letter had been misdated but never attributed this fact to Marx's willingness to mislead the continental police.

Anybody to suppose that a mere change of the date from 1853 to 1852 would have misled the police ought to have been utterly naive, which was just not the case with Marx. Neither did I ever argue that similar misdatings in other letters from him were deliberate.

In fact, it was the pseudonym he used that was intended to misdirect unwanted readers, but again it was only the name "Williams" which he used unchanged for many years, the initial having varied from "Ch[arlés ?]" to "A[?]".

All this might seem mere philological pedantry, but is of considerable importance in an ongoing effort to complete Marx's biography.

Yours sincerely,
TIBOR FRANK,
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Budapest,
H-1052, Hungary.
September 12.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conditions in Iran

From Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds (Conservative)

Sir, Neither you (leader, September 8) nor Lord Chalfont (September 18) (and certainly not Mr D. T. Jones, letter, September 22) have summed up Iran correctly. This great country is *not* a democracy in the Western sense of that much-maligned word. Nor is it a dictatorship in the Soviet or Latin American or the Black African sense of the word. Iran is in transition from a mainly pastoral, feudal nation to a semi-industrial and semi-*oligarchic nation, headed by an* enlightened autocrat. The pains of transition are grievous. But the gains are very much greater.

Instead of pontificating about Iran, we should do better to recognize the immensity of the rush of modernization which the Shah is attempting in a single generation, and to show more understanding of the inevitable stresses this is creating.

Iran under a leader who is conscious of the need to carry more and more of his people with him in the process of modernization is infinitely *more* attractive than an Iran in chaos—which, at present, is the only alternative.

There is danger that Iran will fail; that near-Communism or near-chaos will replace the present embattled (and embarrassed) regime. But let no one imagine that such an outcome would help the Western world.

It is in the interests of Britain, Europe and the United States that the Shah should remain—and gradually transform his country into a freer and more prosperous society. No one else at present is in any position to do this.

Yours, etc,
ELDON GRIFFITHS, Chairman,
British-Iranian Parliamentary Group,
House of Commons.
September 22.

Statesmanlike qualities

From Mr Magnus Linklater

Sir, Your denigration of the *New Statesman* and the unflattering comparison you draw between that magazine and the *Spectator* (September 22) is a curious reflection on journalistic standards.

By dismissing the serious and inquiring journalism, which its new editor Mr Bruce Page has introduced, as little better than the dry pickings of a Government White Paper you surely do all journalists a disservice.

The *New Statesman* has clearly decided that good reporting is more important than punditry and it does it very well. It has been in the forefront of investigations into the Rhodesian oil sanctions saga and was the first to disclose the Government's deliberations over our massive investment in micro-electronics; its revelations about cabinet committees were hailed by one of your own reporters, Mr Peter Hennessy, as a valuable contribution to *The Times's* campaign to illuminate the more absurd recesses of government secrecy.

I would argue strongly that this brand of journalism can and should be equated with the intellectual vitality which is the subject of your leader. But at the very least it deserves credit from a newspaper which is, after all, in the same business.

Yours faithfully,
MAGNUS LINKLATER,
Highbury Place, N5.
September 23.

From Mr Norman Gear

Sir, The intellectuals of the left, you would have us believe, are in full retreat. Marx, Mill, Russell, Galbraith—all are running out of the back door, their tails between their legs, to the derisive hoots of Paul Johnson, Bernard Levin, Woodrow Wyatt and yourself.

But who is coming in the front door? Who is the philosopher of the competitive, open market, *everyman-for-himself* society? "The race is to the swift; victory to the strong"; we have heard this before. Come in, Nietzsche, your day has dawned.

Yours sincerely,
NORMAN GEAR,
Caerleon Road,
Dinas Powis,
South Glamorgan.
September 22.

Demolishing a church

From Mrs Beatrice Pollard

Sir, May I join in the controversy raging around the proposed demolition of St John's Church, Reading.

With two Victorian churches, seating together some 1,350 people, and with congregations of approximately 100 in each, this parish carried an impossible burden of multiplied expense and divided loyalty.

In 1971 the need to renew our outdated school and the local council's decision to redevelop a large area of near-slum property, coincided to challenge us with a unique opportunity. In great faith and after much heartsearching, the Church Council unanimously decided to demolish both churches and build a *Parish Centre, incorporating church* and school and providing facilities for the new "village" soon to grow up around it. The decision was an agonizing one, but was made in the belief that it was the way in which Christian faith and concern could best be shown.

Every formality was complied with and much help given by national bodies and our local council. Experts pronounced both churches to be without architectural value. For six years no objections were raised.

Now our new centre is in use. One church has been demolished and the other will soon suffer the same fate —both mourned. But, if you question our decision, visit the new church of St John and St Stephen for a family communion service. Come early, or you may not find a seat.

Yours faithfully,
BEATRICE POLLARD,
34 Albert Road,
Caversham,
Reading, Berkshire.
September 22.

Fire precautions in historic buildings

From the Surveyor to the University of Oxford

Sir, I have been reading with interest the correspondence in your *columns about fire precautions in* historic buildings.

Many people may not realize the enormous cost (much of it met by the taxpayer) of meeting the regulations in institutions such as universities and colleges.

In Oxford alone it is estimated that £4½ million will be required to bring university buildings up to the required standard and, if one includes the colleges, the figure is something like £14 million.

For example, one large college received from its professional advisers an estimate of £2½ million for work required to make its buildings meet the regulations and no doubt proportionate figures can be quoted by the 35 or so other colleges.

The extent of the difficulty in which we find ourselves may be gauged by the fact that the University Grants Committee's total allocation for new building in all *universities in 1978-79 is only £15* million.

Yours faithfully,
J. LANKESTER,
The Malthouse,
Tidmarsh Lane,
Oxford.
September 21.

From the Reverend John Ticehurst

Sir, The Headmaster of King's School, Worcester thinks that the committee imposing fire regulations was composed entirely of the manufacturers of spring door closers.

As one responsible for some old peoples' homes, may I add that he doesn't know how lucky he is? The springs on the door closers are within the physical ability of the healthy young. With a bit of help from their friends they may still be able to get through the odd door, and so escape from a fire.

The same is not true for many of the elderly. With door closers working to the satisfaction of a fire officer in the prime of life, the chances are that many elderly cannot open the door at all. But we can, perhaps, take heart from the cunning of a local hospital, recently expensively fitted with umpteen spring fire doors, but which has had the good sense to provide wooden wedges to keep the doors open so that the work of the hospital may continue.

I should warn the Head of King's, though, that latest thinking (as so often is the case) confounds most earlier thinking. The most recent block of old peoples' dwellings have windows on stair wells and passage ways which open automatically by electricity every time the alarm is *sounded. When the alarm is set* off by vandals, the resulting howling gale can succeed in banging the spring doors through most of a night. And should there be a fire, the unlimited supplies of oxygen introduced by the new system must surely make a nonsense of all the spring doors also built into the place, designed to keep the air in one place.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TICEHURST,
60 Hill Road,
Weston super Mare,
Avon.

Zambia and sanctions

From Mr Geoff Paxton

Sir, The Bingham Report has created quite a stir, but is only a small part of the story about sanction-busting. While oil is obviously essential to Rhodesia, how is she able to pay for that oil? The answer is that she has been selling her main export commodity, coal, to both Zambia and Zaire.

It is no doubt distressing to those who wish to see the end of the Smith regime to find out how sanctions were being broken with the knowledge and, presumably, the tacit approval of the British Government. But nobody can be unaware that sanctions have not been a success, for Rhodesia still survives.

I would have thought that Zambia's trade links with Rhodesia would be a subject for far more public concern than the oil situation. For Zambia has claimed millions of pounds from Britain as compensation for loss of trade with Rhodesia, while happily continuing to buy Wankie coal for the furnaces at their copper mines, which were specifically designed to burn Wankie coal.

Trains are pushed on to the Victoria Falls bridge by Rhodesian Railways and are then hooked up to Zambian locomotives. The trucks are usually stencilled with a Zaire destination, but few of them get that far, or get returned, still full, from Zaire to Zambia. Even if they are all destined for Zaire, why does Zambia allow them transit and supply the locomotive power for them?

If one visits the tiny border post at Kazangulu, Botswana, huge convoys of trucks *may be seen going* to and fro between Zambia and Rhodesia, but forced to detour (at considerable cost) through the corner of Botswana as there are no direct border links between Zambia and Rhodesia.

Of course, one understands Mr Kaunda's dilemma. He needs Rhodesia's trade, but he also has to placate the more excitable militants in Zambia and maintain a respectable anti-Rhodesia front at the Or*ganization of African Unity.* It is hardly surprising that he was so easily placated over the Bingham Report by Mr Callaghan. One must assume that he was merely putting on a show.

It is highly unlikely that the British Government is unaware of Zambia's trade with Rhodesia. Why then have huge payments been paid to Zambia in compensation? Zambia is suing the oil companies for about £3.8 billion for their busting of sanctions. Who is going to sue Zambia for her trade with Rhodesia?

Yours sincerely,
G. G. PAXTON,
Elgin Avenue, W9.
September 24.

From Mr G. S. Harris

Sir, Now that sanctions against Rhodesia have been revealed for what they are—a farce cynically staged by one administration, and with equal cynicism acquiesced in by that administration's successors—permit me to express the hope that, when the powers under which those sanctions are imposed elapse, no politician will have the impudence to propose to either House of Parliament their renewal.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. HARRIS,
55 Parklands,
Goytrey,
Near Pontypool,
Monmouthshire.

Blockade of Beira

From Lieutenant Commander Gidley Wheeler, RN.

Sir, As one of many thousands of service people who were employed in the farcical waste of time known as the "Blockade of Beira" may I use a small space in your newspaper to give vent to the white hot anger I feel at the news that we, the forces *of the Crown,* were indeed *misused* and deceived by politicians and civilians.

My anger, and the anger of many other service people should not be regarded as insignificant: history has shown over and over again that when those in positions of power abuse the military forces at their disposal, they tread a dangerous path indeed.

Yours sincerely,
GIDLEY WHEELER,
Casal Ventoso,
Ribeira das Vinhas,
Cascais,
Portugal.

Breaking with Soviet cities

From Mr John Corrin

Sir, May I express how deeply I deplore the actions of the city councils of Birmingham, Liverpool and Plymouth in breaking links with their "twinned" cities in the Soviet Union (*The Times*, September 21).

Tass put it midly, I think, when it referred to the breaks as "mocking the war dead". I think the cities' actions a gross insult not only to the 20 million Russian war dead but to all those Soviet citizens who sacrificed so much in the war against Nazi Germany.

Figures alone cannot tell of the suffering of the peoples of the Soviet Union but let us look at a few statistics. In June, 1944, 60 per cent of Germany's troops were fighting on the Eastern Front with 607 Russian and German divisions engaged in bloody battle.

In the Soviet Union, 1,700 towns and 70,000 villages and schools were destroyed and 25 million people made homeless. In the 900-day siege of Leningrad, 641,000 people died—many from starvation.

We owe the people of the Soviet Union a huge debt of gratitude. I would ask the people of the three cities to think again.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CORRIN,
5 Moreton Place, SW1.

EEC monetary plan

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow, East (Conservative)

Sir, My distinguished colleague, John Nott, is quite right to complain bitterly that only the hideous technical complexities of the EEC's new monetary plan are being publicized—with none of the clear cut commonsense reasons for such a scheme being put to the British people, indeed to the citizens of all the member states. For all of us, all too often the entire Community seems to be an exercise in obfuscation.

I suspect I part company slightly *at least in being much* more enthusiastic about the whole idea and in regarding EEC obscurantism as accidental rather than wilful and sinister.

In the meantime, it is depressing to see the Chancellor reacting so negatively to the latest Franco-German proposals. Is the British economy under a four year old Socialist Government so clapped out now as to be less capable than Italy of standing up to the essential cooperation and disciplines of the European Monetary Scheme?

Herein lies one of the attractions of the compromise proposals put forward yesterday (September 18) with French, Belgian and German enthusiasm combined; that we would need to run an economy reflecting a strong pound rather than a weak one. It is the closest we will get in practical terms in the future to the long overdue denunciation of the so called virtues (apparently) of *freely floating* exchange rates.

Finally, it is equally depressing to see the Government acting so negatively on the idea of the new European Monetary Fund being physically located in London, which still has no EEC institution at all. When I asked the Chancellor at least to put this "on the agenda" in the House of Commons on July 27, he replied: "I shall not . . . press for that". (Hansard, 22.7.1978, Col. 1788). Why not, Denis?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH DYKES, Chairman,
Conservative Group for Europe,
House of Commons.

Arts Council grants

From the Secretary General of the Arts Council

Sir, Martin Huckerby in his Arts Diary (September 21) writes that secrecy surrounds Arts Council grants to the major national companies. I should like to make it clear that the Arts Council has no objection to any of its clients revealing the amount of their grant. The Council itself does not reveal these figures because it considers that is the prerogative of clients. We certainly do not encourage them to be secretive.

Yours faithfully,
ROY SHAW,
Secretary General,
Arts Council of Great Britain,
105 Piccadilly, W1.

The right size for sixth forms

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, I was surprised to read in your issue of September 19 that the Department of Education and Science has prepared a draft circular on sixth forms suggesting that the smallest practical size for one is 120.

If this be right, the masters at Battersea Grammar School, when I was in the sixth form there between 1927 and 1930, must have had a genius for organization and teaching. I had no outstanding flair for academic work, nor had most of my contemporaries.

The school drew its boys from a London equivalent of a mixture of Trafford and Moss Side, Manchester, perhaps three-quarters Trafford and one quarter Moss Side.

The sixth form was small. In my year there were about 15 boys. Some 60 or so passed through during my three years.

Out of their number came a High Commissioner to Australia, a physician who has been knighted, a dean of a London teaching hospital, a consultant cardiologist, a dental surgeon, an architect, a brigadier, a director of finance in the Ministry of Defence, a director of education for a London borough, a director of a government horticultural research station, a managing director of an international advertising agency, a senior geologist of an international oil company, a fellow of a Cambridge college, two parsons and a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Two of my contemporaries graduated in engineering, but I do not know what posts they have held.

My old school has now been merged with a girls' school to form a mixed comprehensive. No doubt this new school will have a jumbo sixth form of the approved size.

If, proportionately, it can produce the same results as the small sixth form I was in, former members of Eton, Winchester, Benenden and Woldingham will have to fight hard *to get into the corridors of power.*

Yours sincerely,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
Mordryg,
Stoptide,
Rock, near Wadebridge,
Cornwall.

Profits from Tests

From Mr Owen F. Winser

Sir, As a keen Kent supporter, I strongly *repudiate the most uncharitable* remarks made about the Kent cricket team by Capt A. L. Bird in his letter of September 14. Support for county cricket in Kent is probably as strong as anywhere. They expect to see and get first rate cricket played by the best available team, which must include their favourites, whether or not they play at other times for a rival organization. Kent never leave their supporters dissatisfied.

Having said this, it would seem grossly unfair on the club to penalize them in the manner suggested by Capt Bird. I believe the attitude for instance of the Warwick committee towards certain of their own players shows that they, like Capt Bird, have got their priorities wrong.

As for Test cricket, I should have thought that Kent's contribution to the England team over the years have earned them their share of receipts ten times over.

Yours faithfully,
OWEN F. WINSER,
Pear Tree Cottage,
Cranbrook Road,
Tenterden,
Kent.

Future of the Pheasantry

From Sir John Betjeman and others

Sir, We would like to draw the attention of the residents of Kensington and Chelsea and all those who are interested in the past and future of this historic borough that the future of the Pheasantry site is to be decided on Tuesday, September 26, by the town planning committee. The plan submitted by Pearce & Co involves the construction of a tower block which will dwarf and darken the courtyard and façade of the Pheasantry, which is a listed building, Markham Street *and Jubilee Place beside it.*

An alternative scheme has been submitted which would offer to the borough an arts centre in a form more sympathetic to the environment at negligible cost to the ratepayer. The centre would be financed by the commercial side of the development. It is our hope that Standing Committee will consider these points.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BETJEMAN,
ANGELA ANTRIM,
ELIZABETH LONGFORD,
DIONE GIBSON,
JULIAN JEBB,
14 Moore Street, SW3.
September 24.

A bird for each land?

From Mr John Blackwood

Sir, I am quite happy to share "our little English robin" as our national bird with the Welsh and English. (Mr Jeffery Boswell's letter, September 18). The Scottish crossbill may have been elevated to a species by a European member of the EEC but it can be seen and heard, elevated it is true, only on conifers. We can hear robins singing locally—our batch arrived about a fortnight ago—now and for some months on sycamores, oaks, poplars, gutters and lampposts. Their singing is not confined to the Clyde-Forth suburbs; I can recall hearing it at this season in the Trossachs, the Great Glen and Elgin. Should we not leave the choice until we have decided to have an Assembly?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BLACKWOOD,
27 East Barrmoss Avenue,
Port Glasgow.

From Mr Christopher N. S. Watts

Sir, *England? The Ostrich.*

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER N. S. WATTS,
5 Wayside Cottages,
Calthwaite, Penrith, Cumbria.

Social Focus

Time for a look at court fines

An interesting aspect of the current pre-electoral controversy about law enforcement in general and penalties in particular is the way in which it ignores what happens to the majority of convicted offenders. In the endless arguments about prison sentences nobody mentions that for every offender imprisoned at least two are fined. This is even true of motoring offenders in the Crown Courts; and in the lower courts 98 per cent of motoring offenders and 90 per cent of other non-indictable offenders are fined. Only where children are concerned is the fine not the commonest penalty.

Nor is this really a matter of choice. We cannot afford to change this pattern. It is not simply that fines are the cheapest penalty to enforce. Even if we ignored the extra cost of increasing the percentages of offenders who are imprisoned, put on probation or given some other form of non-custodial treatment, there are not the resources that would make this possible. Custodial institutions are heavily overloaded as well as costly. The probation service is less costly, but also overloaded.

Whether we like it or not, the fine must continue to be the commonest penalty, and offenders will continue to know it.

This being so, our fining system needs more attention than it has received. It is true that there have been improvements. Courts usually give time to pay, and allow payment by instalments—without interest. Imprisonment for non-payment is treated as a last resort, and has to be preceded by a means enquiry. Busy courts appoint fine-enforcement officers to collect fines instead of relying on the police. It is no criticism of fine-enforcement officers to point out that they are usually former policemen, so that their techniques are the same; and in any case they must work within the law.

The law allows property to be seized in lieu of unpaid fines; but this is attended with such complications—among them the tendency for portable goods of value to be on hire-purchase—that it is seldom used except against defaulting companies.

The attachment of wages is a nuisance to employers and is often evaded by changes of job. The courts' power to order a search of the offender's person on the spot sometimes produces surprisingly well-filled wallets, but only if the offender is inexperienced. In contrast, the traditional threat of imprisonment, especially when made visible in the form of a warrant, is usually effective; and even those defaulters who go to prison sometimes buy their way out of even a short stay. Where enforcement is the problem it is the crude method which works.

The way in which the amounts of fines are fixed is also crude, but less effective. Most courts have a tariff or rule of thumb for motoring and other common offences. There is nothing wrong with a tariff so long as courts are prepared to depart from it when the offender's means are either limited or ample. The system, however, is about as one-sided as it could be.

Motorists who plead guilty by post can plead limited means, with some hope of a reduction of their fines. They could, but don't, boast of their affluence; and unless they are shown to have been driving a Jaguar or Bentley the court has no way of identifying the rich offender, so that for him the usual fine is no more than an occasional tax. The same is obviously true of fixed penalties for illegal parking: a strong argument against wholesale extensions of the fixed penalty system. Even when the offender appears in person the only information the court has about his means is often based only on what he or his main employer has told the police or the probation officer; any mis-statements, not being on oath, are not punishable.

The Inland Revenue knows better, but its lips are sealed. Yet if he applies for legal aid he has to fill in a detailed questionnaire about his income, capital and financial burdens; and if he misleads he can be in trouble. For some reason this does not apply to fines. Only when the court is considering imprisonment for non-payment must it hold an enquiry into his means. It seems simple to apply the legal aid procedure to fines; if there are difficulties in doing so they have never been explained.

Yet even if courts had more accurate estimates of offenders' means, they have a one-sided approach to the tariff. The standard fine is regarded as something to be reduced in the face of poverty, not to be increased in the face of affluence. The Wootton Committee on non-custodial and semi-custodial penalties, 1970, pointed out the illogicality of this and the Lord Chancellor was reported (*Justice of the Peace* (1970) 134, 937) as agreeing with their view that courts were free to increase as well as reduce fines; but most magistrates are unaware of this and resistant even when told of it. There have been recent exceptions. The prevalence of shoplifting by foreigners carrying large sums of money has persuaded London magistrates—usually stipendiaries—to forget the tariff and confiscate large wads of this portable wealth. Fining foreign tourists, however, seems to be a different thing from fining the tariff-minded aborigine.

We have too little real information about the scale of financial penalties. The criminal statistics for 1977 tells us that 82 per cent of motorists' fines and 67 per cent of summary fines for indictable offences were of £30 or less (mostly less); and even in the Crown Court the typical fine was of £50 or £100. But because costs and compensation orders take precedence over fines this does not give a true picture of the total sums which offenders are asked to pay.

There are minor issues too which are not faced. Should it be permissible to pay someone else's fine, as parents (and employers of delinquent drivers) often do? Would a ban on this be enforceable? Should it be permissible to insure against being fined?

How effective would heavier fines be? Do offenders know the size of the fine they are risking? Where fines for illegal parking or speeding are concerned, they probably do. Where shoplifting or assault are concerned, they probably don't, unless they have already been fined for it. But so many offenders are appearing befo courts for offences of which they ha been convicted before that even if fin merely reduced recidivism (a very ca tious hypothesis) they would be of valu

Even an ineffective fine is better th an ineffective probation order or pris sentence, *since at least it pays back* little of the money that has been spe in dealing with the offender. What more, it has fewer undesirable side-effe than imprisonment. Even an ineffecti probation order can have unwanted si effects, among which are a contempt f the law and a waste of trained manpow

I was a member of the advisory coun which has just spent three years disc sing the lengths of prison sentences. T was a very necessary task; but I hope t before long some committee or worki party will be asked to devote as mu trouble to the less spectacular numerically far more important probl of increasing the efficiency and effic of our system of financial penalties. is a task with less humanitarian app than prison reform, and less glamour th innovations such as "new careers". I to overlook it in favour of costly exp ments is like trying to grow asparagus the middle of a potato famine.

Nigel Walk

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A case for leaving local government alone for the moment

Whatever happened to local government reorganization? It is a question the man in the street is entitled to ask, as otherwise responsible people describe the reorganization as "a disaster" and the press talks of Government proposals to deal with "the worst shortcomings" of the *new* system.

Much of the hyperbole is no more than ritual political protest: Reorganization was originally a Conservative measure; but its implementation took place under a Labour administration, during a period of marked difficulty for local authorities.

Indeed if one had to make a criticism of reorganization it would be of its timing. It took place on April 1, 1974, and there cannot have been a worse time in the last 50 years in which to introduce such major reforms. This is not just because it marked the start of the raging inflation which knocked the new local authorities off course for at least two years. It is also because the run-up to reorganization took place in the euphoria of 1973. The shadow authorities structured staff establishments which would in a more astringent economic climate have been leaner. The disappearing authorities, in death-bed repentances up and down the country, committed long-cherished projects from which their successors, the new authorities, could not resile when the cold winds began to blow in the autumn of 1974.

In passing, it is ironic that one of the main complaints of opponents of the 1972 Local Government Act is the unnecessary remoteness of county government. Ironic, because Labour's original proposals would have concentrated all powers in the hands of about 80 large new units. The control of local government in England (outside London) would have been in the hands of these 80 main authorities and about 6,000 councillors, as compared with the 377 county and district councils and their 19,837 councillors who share power between them today.

The 1970 Labour Government's White Paper also proposed that education should be placed with their seven extensive metropolitan counties; so that, for example, startled peasants on the borders of Cheshire and Shropshire would have had their educational affairs decided in Liverpool. In fairness one should add that Labour's proposals, particularly those relating to the local councils under the main authorities would probably have been much amended if they had been the subject of legislation. Nevertheless "remoteness" is not the prerogative of one side or the other.

Such epithets as "remote", "unresponsive", "overlapping", and so forth are the emotive words in which much of the debate has been conducted. Are there any *objective* points which can be made about the 1974 reorganization?

First, all the thinking behind the Royal Commission's report (which in turn shaped the legislation) looked to a period of growth of local government activity. A 30 per cent increase in population by the turn of the century; a basic school population of half as many again as in 1967; a million new houses needed in the three largest conurbations; six million obsolescent homes in England and Wales.

We now have a very different scenario for the future. The population is static and the number of pupils is already declining in primary schools and starting to do so in secondary schools; there is a greater demand for further education as the birth rate bulge in the sixties pours out of school, seeking jobs and higher or further education. So by the mid-1980s the great period of "all systems go" in primary and secondary education will be over. As the very young decline in number, the number of the very old grow. Increasing house ownership, particularly by the newly married, is changing the direction of local authority housing. All this is part of the scenario, so well documented in the Central Policy Review Staff's report *Population and the Social Services*.

Secondly, the reforms were to greatly increase the average size of local authorities. Prior to reorganization, 526 boroughs or districts had a population under 20,000. There were, outside the counties, only 48 boroughs or districts with populations over 75,000. Today there are 204 with populations exceeding 75,000. The new district councils have the resources to pay competent officials—the expectations of councillors were heightened by Conservative insistence that the new authorities were all to be equal. No one was overseeing anyone else. The day of the county and its districts was over.

With growth of local government activity cut back, and with the recognition that many districts have untapped potential, it is natural enough that there should be talk of additional work for districts to do. What is surprising is that so soon after reform the talk should have crystallized into a government decision to take action.

While the Secretary of State for the Environment has been careful to disclaim any desire to do a root-and-branch exercise, his statement to the Commons on August 4, 1978, outlined proposals for change radical enough to inject uncertainty into the future of local government. There is an urgent need for early decisions if local government is not to return to the cold war of the late 1960s. Unfortunately the Government's proposals, with their emphasis on solutions locally acceptable and with an uncertain number of eligible authorities, give no promise that matters can be speedily settled.

Nowhere has a more insistent case been made for the return of powers than by the nine, large, former county boroughs, who lost out so badly in the reforms of 1974. Sympathy with these proud cities should not blind anyone to the problems which must be faced in giving them more to do. There are three major areas of difficulty.

The present boundaries of these districts make no sort of administrative sense. The Local Government Boundary Commission largely left the former county borough boundaries untouched in 1974. The district areas are therefore not coherent and do not reflect patterns of life and work.

Then, the traditional rule in local government has been to disable county councillors from taking part in any vote of money for a function which, in their own electoral area, is carried out by a district council. The rule is not dissimilar from that adopted on July 25 by the House of Commons in relation to Scottish MPs after the setting up of the Scottish Assembly. Measures affecting only England and Wales—for example, education and housing—cannot be carried by Scottish votes. Scottish MPs will suffer a disability in respect of matters of purely English and Welsh interest.

In view of this recent precedent and the long local government tradition it seems reasonable to suppose that the rule in the Local Government Act 1933 will be applied to any new transferred functions in local government.

Finally, education, the most prized of the services being considered for transfer, is also the most political, with a degree of member interest and involvement only approached by housing. It is a matter for political judgment whether nine large towns should be able to take their own political decisions on education, rather than accept the decisions of the county committee. Most of the administrative arguments would seem to be against change.

Few people would quarrel with Mr Shore's desire to have another look at the separation of town planning functions. The problem is not serious, but it has been widely recognized that the legislation left some loose ends. There might be similar agreement about a review of powers of traffic management and highways agency functions—although the real problem with highways is the very small budget for road maintenance and improvement (whoever spends it) under the Government's public expenditure limits. Planning and highways are areas in which broad agreement ought to be possible.

The prospect of some 98 districts making a case for the transfer of personal social services from counties is one which will bring dismay to many who work in Seebol style environments.

On balance it is difficult see what benefits could flow the public from the transfer social services to the lar districts. The service is v field-worker-oriented, with network of area offic Decision-taking as it affe client groups (who are sur the people who matter) already decentralized and the local level.

The two-tier system is wrong in principle. Both p tical parties accepted it as propriate for the conurbatic

Even the unitary system posed by the Royal Commiss had its second tier of lo councils, although with v limited powers and dut Whatever the split of fu tions, any two-tier syst needs time to settle down.

It needs time for the tiers to learn to mesh toget There is as yet little or objective evidence as to performance of the new syst but many subjective ju ments. The chief problem is that, when power is seen be up for grabs, sensible jo working arrangements experiments between coun and the larger districts beco difficult or impossible. Politi reasons apart, there seems be everything to be gained a period of stabilit and deferring of change u decisions have been taken English devolutio.

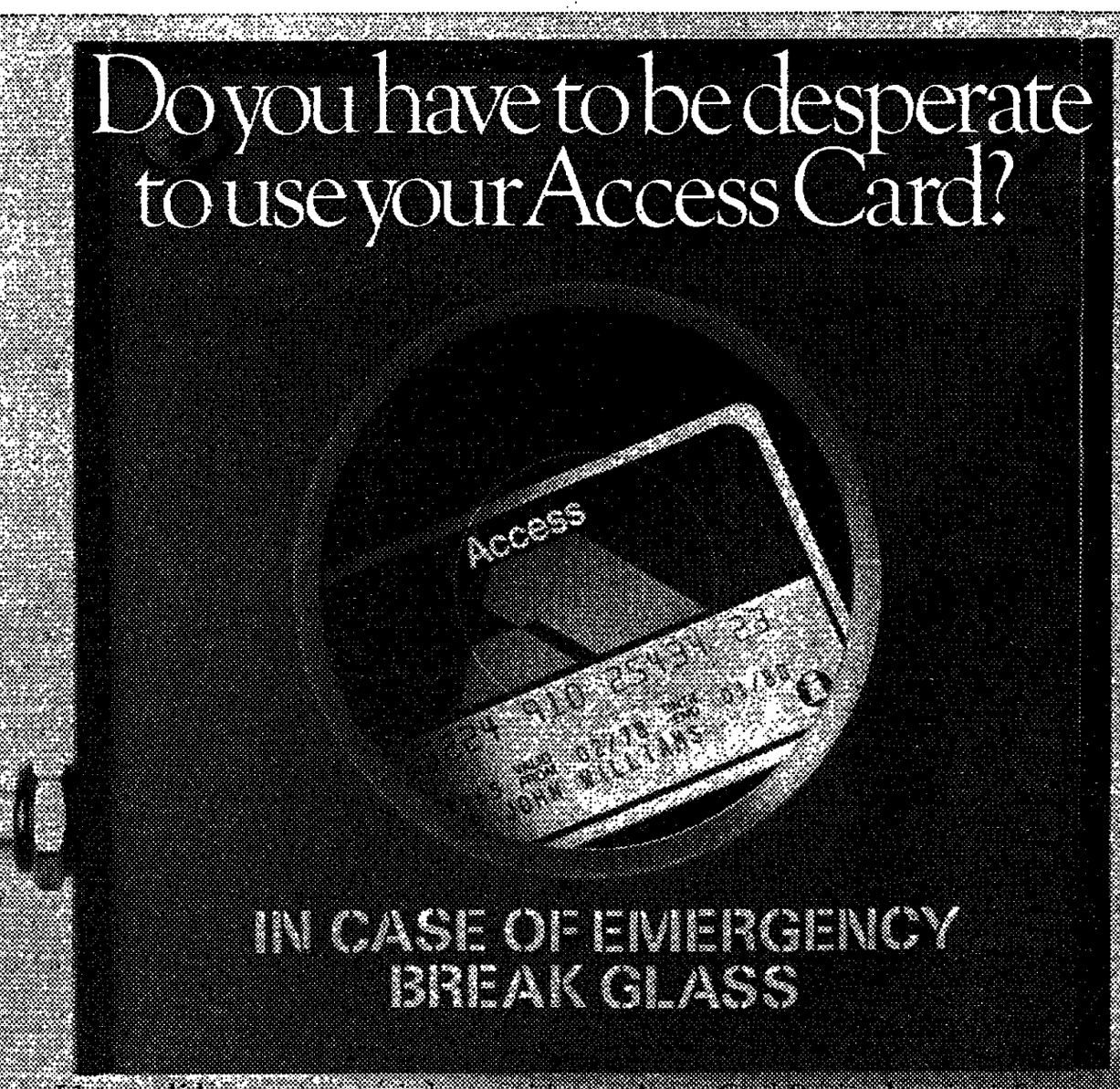
The man in the street, w whom we stared, probab does not care about any this—57 per cent told Redcli Maud's survey team in 19 that they favoured no chan and a further 20 per cent didn know or didn't care. The m in the street probably giv one verdict only—that it is t who will pay for chang organic or otherwise. Mayb he would be right in thinkin that the only certainty is tha changes will not make thing cheaper.

John Boynto

The author is chief executi of Cheshire County Counc and a past President of th Royal Town Planning Institu and the Society of Loc Authority Chief Executives.

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There is enough for us all if only . . .

Headlines and stories saying that Britain (or the world) may face starvation by the year 2000 (or sooner) continue to create "news" while emotive estimates that *500 million* people in the world are starving and 1,000 million hungry have become enshrined as "facts", are becoming immovably lodged in the folklore of the public mind together with a conviction that the world is already overpopulated. Many "futurologists" are convinced that the problems of world food and population are not technological problems of supply, but almost entirely political problems (in the broadest sense) of distribution. Put at its crudest, the poor starve not because there is no food available, but because they cannot afford to buy it. If we wished to, we could support twice the present world population with no improvements in agricultural techniques or technology.

Such a claim, in striking contrast to the usual gloomy picture, needs some justification. The first supporting evidence, dramatic enough for anyone familiar with the cries of the doomsday fraternity, is that over the past two decades world population has not been increasing as rapidly as world food production. Official FAO figures show an overall annual increase in population of 2 per cent, compared with an increase in food production averaging 2.8 per cent a year.

At the beginning of the 1970s, the food produced in the world was enough to supply everyone with a diet of 2,420 kilocalories per day, and the 1971 WHO/FAO recommendation for a healthy diet was 2,354 kcal per day. Nobody need starve, given the amount of food being produced, although more equitable distribution of that food could imply a less exciting and varied diet for the affluent.

But is that the right *kind* of food—what about the so-called "protein gap?" In many malnourished communities in the Third World, field workers have found children, in particular, suffering from diseases which seemed to be due to protein deficiency—marasmus and kwashiorkor. Certainly these diseases responded well to *extra protein food, giving the* impression that shortage of protein was the root cause. But further studies have now shown that the signs of "protein" deficiency disappear even when basic food calorie intake rises, with no extra protein.

The true situation is that when the body has insufficient calorie food it begins first to metabolise protein in food to supply energy and then to absorb its own muscle protein—including heart muscle—to give symptoms of protein deficiency. Given enough staple food, however, the body is quite capable of manufacturing its own protein, from an adequate supply of cereals and pulses.

Even the Select Committee on Overseas Development pointed out in a 1976 report that 10 million children under world food problem *is* to give those who are hungry the means to feed themselves", recognising that there need be no technical problem of food supply in the immediate future. The poorest do go hungry, although not in the numbers generally cited:

One of the few accurate estimates is that of the FAO that 10 million children under five are seriously malnourished; each of these children can be expected to have five older relations, and if we assume that all suffer equally then "only" some 60 million people are starving in the world today. This is hardly something to be proud of, but it is less than 2 per cent of the total population, a smaller *proportion* of hungry people than ever before in the history of mankind.

The problem must be resolved, if only through self-interest, before the hungry poor decide to help themselves at our expense. It is hardly likely that the affluent members of our global society will voluntarily decide to cut back their own consumption in order to provide more food f the poor, or that the fo would be sold more cheaply they did. The often tout "ideal" of zero econon *growth would* mean, in glo terms, maintaining the sta quo in which the rich get fat (obesity is becoming a seri medical problem in developed world) while poor starve. The only realis alternative is to encourage high rate of economic grov in the poor countries. If problem is one of pover then reducing poverty will s the problem.

From past experience, creased living standards not only provide the poor the means to buy food, but a bring a reduction in the bi rate. How much growth do need? Any estimates must crude, but a plausible target for an annual income level $1,000 (at 1970 prices) in 1 poorest quintile of populati The problem cannot be sol overnight, but growth rates between one and four per c would bring Latin Amer Europe and southern Africa to this level by AD 2000, Middle East, Asia and the r of Africa by 2030, and all co tries by 2050.

Meanwhile, given that we have have the capacity to s port the world's populat adequately if not luxuriou rich countries must continue help poor countries, and p people in their own countr to achieve an adequate d Even with limited aid, country such as Britain can much to help by providing for developing country gove ments which are carrying appropriate policies of *direc* growth aimed at reducing i qualities and providing su cient wealth—which almost variably is synonymous w their own land—for the poo to be able to eat adequately

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LMORAL CASTLE
ember 25: The Duke of nburgh, Colonel of the nadier Guards, today visited 1st Battalion at Sennybridge, wys.

lis Royal Highness travelled in *aircraft of The Queen's Flight* was received upon arrival by Lieutenant-Colonel Command- the Regiment (Colonel Gre- Tufnell) and the Command- *Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel* ihael Hobbs).

Captain Charles Wiggin was in endance.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived Balmoral Castle this evening.

y command of The Queen, the rd Hamilton of Dalzell (Lord Waiting) today called upon The an of Brunei at the Grosvenor use Hotel and, on behalf of r Majesty, welcomed His High- s *upon arrival in this country.*

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady-in iting to The Queen.

RK HOUSE
JAMES'S PALACE
ptember 25: The Duchess of at today attended the "Women the Year" Luncheon at the oyo Hotel.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attend- ce.

dy Vestey gave birth to a ughter in London on Friday, ptember 22.

Marriages

Mr H. M. Bankes-Jones and Miss R. J. Prestige

The marriage took place on September 23 at Bishopsbourne, Kent, of Mr Anthony H. M. Bankes-Jones, son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Bankes-Jones, of East Sheen, London, to Miss Rosemary Jane Prestige, daughter of Major John T. R. Prestige, of Kingston, Kent.

Mr D. J. Gilmore and Miss F. P. Mollison

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 23, at Newbury of Mr David Gilmore, son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Gilmore, of Cheltenham, to Miss Fiona Mollison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Pender Mollison, of Sherston Lodge, Evercreech, Somerset.

Mr J. R. Gore and Miss S. M. St. C. Robertson

The marriage took place on September 25 at Whitehaven, Cumbria, between Mr Julian Robert Gore, elder son of Mr and Mrs E. G. Gore, of 39 Hyde Park Gate, London, SW7 and Miss Shona Margaret St Clair Robertson, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. I. Robertson, of Westworth, Seascale, Cumbria.

Mr T. Miles and Miss C. Hall

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 16, at All Saints', Marlow, between Mr Timothy Miles, youngest son of the late Brigadier and Mrs H. G. P. Miles, and Miss Carolyn Hall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Wellington Hall. The Rev David Pearson-Miles and Canon S. Day officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Elaine Barrington-Ward, Sasha, Katherine and Julia Miles, Timothy Hall, Simon Pearson-Miles and Charles Findlater. Mr Edward Blandy was best man.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Blunt, 71; Sir Robert E. Fraser, 74; Sir Stephen Luke, 73; Sir William McKell, 87; Sir Frank Marshall, 63; Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, 62; Sir Barnes Wallis, 91.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. N. G. Laing and the Hon Ann Low

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Grant Laing, of Logie House, Forres, Morayshire, and Ann, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Aldington, of Knoll Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Mr J. B. Hemming and Miss S. M. Babington Smith

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr H. Harold Hemming and Mrs Alice Hemming, of 35 Elsworthy Road, London, NW3, and Sukie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Babington Smith, of 20 Embankment Gardens, London, SW3.

Mr D. C. Jeffery and Miss M. E. Hayden

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Jeffery, of Gorleston, Norfolk, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hayden, of Mundesley, Norfolk.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales gives opening address to international Atlantic salmon symposium, Edinburgh University, 9.30; signs roll of honorary members of Faculty of Advocates, Parliament Hall, Edinburgh, 11.35.

The Duke of Gloucester opens industrial museum, Bath, 11.30.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, as guests of honour, attend the premiere of *The Odd Job*, in aid of the Sports Aid Foundation and Music Therapy, Columbia, Shaftesbury Avenue, 7.45.

Recitals: Harold Dexter, organ, St Botolph, Aldgate, 1. Michael Howard, organ, St Lawrence Jewry, 1. City Music Society, Bishopsgate Hall, 1.05. The Regent Sinfonia, Holy Sepulchre, 1.15.

Talk: Looking at churches, St Margaret Pattens, 1.10.

Memorial service: Mr Nicolas Bentley, St Paul's, Covent Garden, noon.



Unity Spencer, second daughter of Sir Stanley Spencer, with "Hilda, Unity and Dolls", painted in 1937, at an exhibition at the Anthony d'Offay gallery in London yesterday.

OBITUARY

GEN H. VON MANTEUFFEL

Skilful Wehrmacht tactician

General Hasso von Manteuffel, who was one of the most capable of Hitler's younger generals in the campaigns against the Western Allies and on the Eastern front, has died at the age of 81. Manteuffel featured in many notable counter strokes and stubborn defensive actions in the latter years of the war when the German forces were under continual pressure from the Allies, but perhaps he will be best remembered for the part he played in the German counter offensive in the Ardennes in the winter of 1944 in which relatively weak German forces seriously disrupted the advance of the Western Allies to the Rhine frontier.

Born in Potsdam and educated in the Prussian cadet corps, Manteuffel followed an army career from his earliest days, a career which was accelerated by the opportunities which the Second World War brought to many army men who managed to gain Hitler's confidence as soldiers. Though only a major at the outbreak of war, Manteuffel came to the attention of the Allies in the period after the Battle of Alamein when English, American and French forces were driving for Tunis. In February, 1943, with Allied forces well into Tunisia, Manteuffel's was perhaps the most effective contribution to the ill-fated attempt by von Arnim to retake Beja and Medjez el Bab. Though the German counter-offensive petered out Manteuffel's own division almost succeeded in cutting the main lateral road behind the Allied front and he took 1,600 prisoners.

Later, in April, 1943, The Manteuffel Division, by this time down to three regiments, was again to provide stubborn resistance during the final descent on Tunis, a resistance owing much to skilful use of terrain difficult for attackers.

Manteuffel's undeniable brilliance in producing at least temporary victories or respites from tactical situations seemingly fraught with hazard was to stand the Wehrmacht in good stead in the last two years of the war. After the serious deterioration in the German army's situation following the battles of Kursk and Oryol in the summer of 1943, he found himself on the Eastern front in command of the 7th Panzer Division. With the fall of Kiev to the Russians in November 1943 a total German collapse seemed a possibility and Stalin had declared on November 6 that "Victory is near".

A brilliant stroke by Manteuffel stabilized the situation. With units collected from anywhere he could get them, to add to his own weary division, Manteuffel pierced the flank of the advancing Russian columns and by operating in small groups of armoured vehicles, managed to give the impression of much greater German strength than was actually available. The confusion in Russian columns which had greatly overstretched themselves in their rapid advance gave the Germans valuable breathing space. It also earned Manteuffel the Christmas present of 50 tanks from Hitler, at that stage in the war a considerable gesture.

In May of the following year, still a divisional commander, Manteuffel scored an even more remarkable success when he temporarily halted Marshal Koniev's drive into Romania using mobile defensive tactics which nullified the Russian advantage of the newly introduced Stalin tank.

At the young age of 47 Manteuffel was promoted from Divisional to Army commander and as commander of the 5th Panzer Army, played a decisive role in the counteroffensive in the Ardennes, though the general idea of the counterstroke was Hitler's Manteuffel's tactical sense was largely responsible for the degree of success it attained and he had the strength of character as well as credit with Hitler to enable him to argue Hitler out of some of his more absurd suggestions for the operation. Though Hitler would not be persuaded out of his insistence that the offensive must have as its aim the breaking of allied power he did nevertheless accede to Manteuffel's suggestions about the timing of the various component attacks and the necessity for the element of surprise. The result was a counteroffensive which seriously disrupted the Allies and set back the timetable of the Allied advance.

After the war Manteuffel took up politics in the new West German Republic, joining the Free Democratic Party. He was elected to the Bundestag in 1954 and held his seat until 1957. In 1959 he was tried by a court in Dusseldorf on a charge that in 1944 he had ordered a 19-year-old soldier to be shot for deserting his post, overruling a court martial which had sentenced him to two years' imprisonment. Manteuffel was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for homicide but was released after four months.

He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

VICE-ADMIRAL H. BAILLIE-GROHMAN

Vice-Admiral H. T. Baillie-Grohman, CB, DSO, OBE, who had a distinguished naval career spanning both world wars, died on September 23 at the age of 90.

Harold Tom Baillie-Grohman was born in British Columbia on January 15, 1888, the only son of the late W. A. Baillie-Grohman whose books on the Tyrol—where late in life he inherited the beautiful Schloss Matzen, near Innsbrück—on big game shooting and on medieval hunting were well known.

He entered the Britannia as a naval cadet in 1903. Most of his naval service was in destroyers and small craft, for which he had a natural aptitude. He was appointed to command the destroyer Lively in March, 1914. This was the first of four commands which he held during the First World War, the others being the destroyer Gurkha, the sloop Gentian and the minesweeper Tonnes. He served both in the Grand Fleet and the Dover Patrol, and in April, 1918, was awarded the DSO for minesweeping operations.

After the war he was employed on mine-clearance off the Belgian coast and in 1921-22 he attended the Naval Staff College, and afterwards commanded the sloop Crocus in the Persian Gulf. In 1923 he was made an OBE and promoted to commander. After commanding the First Minesweeping Flotilla he was lent to Australia as Assistant Chief of Staff at the Navy Office, Melbourne from 1925 to 1927; attended the Military Staff College, Camberley, in 1928; and was executive officer of the battle cruiser Tiger until promoted captain in June, 1930.

From 1931 to 1933 he was head of the British Naval Mission to China with the rank of Commodore in the Chinese Navy. Later he commanded the First Destroyer Flotilla in the Mediterranean, and the St Vincent Boys' training establishment at Gosport.

During the early months of the second world war he commanded the battleship Ramillies in the Mediterranean. After his promotion to rear-admiral in January, 1941, he was attached to the staff of the GOC, Middle East, and the outstanding achievement of his career—for which he was made a CB—was during the withdrawal of the British Army from Greece in 1941, when he organized its embarkation in the face of rapidly advancing German forces by which it was greatly outnumbered. Lord Cunningham wrote of him on that occasion that he "did ground work in the most onerous conditions imaginable. With everything in confusion in a strange country, with the language difficulty and his uncertain communications, with the changing political situation and the uncertainty of aiming at firm figures and dates for the number of troops to be embarked, and from where, he yet succeeded in producing something like order out of chaos."

Later he held a command in the Combined Operations organization at home, but to his bitter disappointment, illness compelled him to relinquish it before the operation for which he had been preparing took place, and enforced his retirement. He recovered sufficiently to hold shore commands at Harwich, and at Kiel after the German surrender.

He married in 1915 Evelyn, eldest daughter of Arthur S. Taylor, MD, FRCS, and had two sons the younger of whom died earlier this year.

DR G. F. ABERCROMBIE

Dr G. F. Abercrombie, VRD, who died yesterday at the age of 82, was one of the last of the pre-National Health Service generation of family doctors who epitomized all that was best in the great traditions of British general practice. In practice from 1924 to 1966 he tided over one of the most momentous periods in general practice bringing to the new regime an experience and influence admirably exemplified in his brilliant James Mackenzie Lecture, *The Art of Consultation*, delivered before the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1958.

It was through the College that he played a quiet, but uniquely effective, role in restoring morale to a section of the medical profession that had been badly shaken by the impact of the National Health Service. He was a foundation member of the College, in due course becoming chairman of its council and finally president from 1959 to 1962.

His other great love was the Royal Navy, and he had a long and distinguished association with the London Division of the RNVR, ending up as a surgeon captain. He became a surgeon probationer in 1917 while still a medical student with only three months' clinical experience at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Over a period of ten months he served in five different destroyers, including HMS Warwick when it was selected by Admiral Keyes as his flagship in the famous Zeebruge raid. This was a daunting experience for a medical student but, as he himself has vividly described it, with the aid of the flag lieutenant whom the Admiral sent to help him, he coped with the situation, and was mentioned in dispatches. The culmination of his RNVR career was his appointment as Honorary Physician to King George VI in 1950.

George Francis Abercrombie was born on June 25, 1896. He was educated at Charterhouse, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and St Bartholomew's Hospital. After house appointments at St Bartholomew's Hospital and The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, he went into general practice in 1924. Among his many services to general practice, apart from its College, he was lecturer in general practice in St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School from 1953 until his retirement from practice, and he was the first president of that section of general practice of the Royal Society of Medicine. In recognition of his services to general practice he was elected an honorary Fellow of the Society.

He married, in 1932, Marie, younger daughter of Frank Underhill. They had one son and two daughters.

Latest wills

rginia Vickery, of Hartfield, left 01,290 net. After minor bequests e left the residue equally be- een the Animal Defence and ntivivisection Society, the Guild All Souls, St Dunstans Vestry, eet Street, London, the Healing fe Mission, the International ague for the Protection of orses, St Giles Christian Mission, ondon City Mission, the Lambeth Moral Welfare, and Wood Green Animal Shelter.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Dugdale, Mrs Joan, of Oundle £115,396

Hart, Mrs Eleanor Jeanne, of *Henley-on-Thames* *£209,321*

Martineau, Mr Louis, of Crewkerne £428,281

Mathias-Thomas, Mr Byam Morgan, of Tenby, intestate *£172,784*

Munro, Mr Vince Eric, of Woodley, cattle dealer £185,862

Renshaw, Mr Michael Oliver Wenman, of Chelsea, former director of the Thomson Organisation £83,284

Richardson, Mrs Jean, of Highcliffe £191,341

Staniland, Mrs Emily, of Sturton by Stow £118,981

Stewart, Constance Violet, of Withersfield £154,246

Weir, Halcyon Dora Murray, of *Sunningdale*, artist and broadcaster *£127,472*

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'omen of the Year

ie Duchess of Kent was the nest of honour at the Women of e Year luncheon held at the voy Hotel yesterday. Lady eorgina Coleridge presided and e other speakers were Judge owland, Dr Anne Birchall, Mrs aomi James, Miss Mollie Sugden id Miss Jane Reed. Among thers present were:

dy Albery, Miss Margaret Alexander, me Josephine Barnes, Miss Katie yle, Lady Bull, Mrs E. A. Corram, ss Monica Dickens, Mrs Dorothy rake, Dr M. E. Duncan, Miss Jacque- ie du Pre, Lieutenant-Colonel Irene rman, Miss Cleo Laine, Miss atricia Gould, Mrs Sheila Hocken, iss Victoria Holt, Mrs M. K. Horsy, Mrs Denise St Aubyn Hubbard, rs Muriel Johnston, Mrs Ellen earney, Miss Penelope Keith, Miss n Knowles, Dr Una Kroll, Miss auren Laker, Miss Patricia Lamburn, ss Sue Lawley, Miss Yvonne Littlewood.

Commandant S. V. A. McBride, Countess of Mar and Kellie, Brigadier O. E. Moriarty, Mrs John Nathan, ss Nanette Newman, Miss Bridget ston, Mrs M. Patterson, Mrs Erin zley, Mrs Louise Picquet-Bouverie, ss Angharad Rees, Dr Margaret einhold, Mrs Patricia Soed, Comander K. D. Skelton, Air Commodore P. J. Tamblin, Mrs H. Waldsax, rs Owen Walker and Lady Wontner.

Royal Over-Seas League

Lord Grey of Naunton, chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League, and members of the central council entertained the High Commissioner for Barbados at luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Reception

HM Government

Mr Frank McElhone, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held for delegates attending the thirty-ninth biennial congress of the International Federation for Documentation.

Dinners

Eaton Corporation

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, was the principal guest at a dinner last night given by the chairman, Mr E. Mandell de Windt, and the board of Eaton Corporation at Claridge's hotel. Toasts were proposed by Mr de Windt and by Sir Leonard Crossland, chairman of Eaton's United Kingdom companies.

Millbank Club

The Millbank Club held their centenary dinner at the Carlton Club yesterday evening. Lord Carrington was the guest of honour. Lord Redmayne, president of the club, was in the chair and received the guests with Mr Peter Jenkin-Jones, chairman. Others present included:

The Bishop of Leicester, Mr T. Smith, MP, Mr D. Davenport-Handley, Mrs G. Scott-Hopkins, Mr G. Horrocks and Miss B. Lowe.

Law Society Cricket Club

The Law Society Cricket Club held a dinner at the Law Society's Hall yesterday to celebrate the end of the club's fiftieth season. The speakers included Judge J. K. E. Slack and Judge Miskin, QC, Recorder of London. Sir Edward Singleton, president of the club, was in the chair.

Anglo-American Sporting Club

The Anglo-American Sporting Club held a boxing dinner evening at the Hilton hotel last night in aid of the Mike Brearley Testimonial Fund, at which Mr Mike Brearley was the guest of honour. Mr Doug Insole was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Benny Green, Mr Mike Spencer and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, secretary of the club.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Sept 25, 1953

Polio epidemic

From Our Correspondent

Coventry, Sept 24.—Fresh cases of poliomyelitis are no longer being accepted at the Coventry Isolation hospital and from today they were diverted to the isolation hospital at Little Bromwich, Birmingham. Since mid-June 270 cases have been sent to the hospital from Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby and south Warwickshire. The decision to refuse further cases at Coventry has been made to ease the pressure on the hospital staff, some of whom have become victims of the disease. Dr T. M. Clayton, medical officer of health for Coventry, said today that Coventry could be regarded as on the fringe of an epidemic. Of its 141 confirmed cases 84 are of the more serious paralytic type. The total is the highest ever experienced in the city, and the weekly figures do not show any sign of decline. The outbreak is being treated as an epidemic by 20 group management committee of the regional hospital board which administers Coventry isolation hospital.



Tom Stoppard (right) with Diana Rigg and John Thaw in London yesterday, the first day of rehearsals for Mr Stoppard's latest play, "Night and Day", which opens at the Phoenix Theatre in November.

Archaeology report

Carbon dating: Pushing back the past

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent

The Government, through the Science Research Council, has made a grant of more than £425,000 to support a new development of radiocarbon dating, one of the main research tools of modern archaeology. The money is to be used to build a tandem Van de Graaf particle accelerator, operating at the relatively low power of 2.5 million volts, which will measure the proportion of radioactive carbon-14 in ancient organic matter rather than its rate of decay.

The grant has been made to the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art at Oxford University, where the equipment will be constructed for and dedicated to the examination of radiocarbon dating.

The carbon-14 dating method, invented in the late 1940s by Professor Willard Libby at Chicago and the justification for his Nobel Prize in 1960, has until now operated by counting the rate of decay of the atoms of the radioactive carbon-14 isotope, which slows through time.

Thus a high count indicates a late date; but the very low counts obtained on early samples have limited the application of the method in such studies as the emergence of modern man, Homo sapiens, from earlier species and the development of human technology and economies in the period before about 25,000 years ago.

The new development, originally studied in the United States and Canada as well as at Oxford, involves counting not the rate of decay of carbon-14 but the actual atoms of the isotope; it was suggested last year that a cyclotron should be used, but adequate results have been obtained from a smaller particle accelerator, and the Oxford plan is to follow that more modest and inexpensive line of development.

The method has to overcome the vast excess of atoms of the non-radioactive isotopes of carbon and the presence of other atoms with identical molecular weights, as well as a low signal count rate, but Professor E. T. Hall, who is heading the project, believes that that can be achieved.

There are several signal advantages to measuring the amount of carbon-14, by using a mass spectrometer, rather than recording its rate of decay; they include the low preparation time, the possibility of using more rigid preparation methods, and a high peak-to-background ratio, giving a higher accuracy at a given age as well as increasing the age of sample which can be measured.

For the archaeologist the advantages are the stretching of the range of scientific dating to at least 70,000 years, and with laser enrichment to perhaps 100,000 years, and for sites of later periods the possibility of dating much smaller samples. While the gas and liquid scintillation counting methods now in use need pure samples of at least one gram and six grams respectively, the mass-spectrometer measurement can operate on as little as a single seed or grain of corn, the carbon content of an iron tool, or the carbon in such natural features as ice and lake varves which give the key to ancient climatic change.

Because the sample required is so small—a thousandth of a gram has been suggested as being sufficient—it would be possible to date unique but contentious artifacts such as the Vinland Map and the Turin shroud without causing damage.

In the range of samples that can be dated by the new development and the increasing time span over which it may be used, the mass-spectrometer method of carbon dating promises to revolutionize archaeology almost as much as Libby's original idea.

Special force to protect birds sought

A police force to protect Britain's birds from egg collectors and thieves is called for today by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The recommendation is one of 13 submitted in written evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

The society says that wildlife protection forces with specialist knowledge, powers of arrest and prosecution exist in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Thieves preying on some of Britain's rarest birds are escaping prosecution because the police are often unsure or unaware of the law and their powers are inadequate, the society says.

It wants changes in the law to give power of arrest when an offence is suspected, and to increase police powers to search houses and seize evidence.

At present a thief has to be caught in the act. Although a suspect may have a young falcon or the eggs of a rare bird, which can be sold on the black market for hundreds of pounds, his house may not be searched, the society says.

Mr Peter Robinson, an RSPB investigation officer, said: "At present we are working with our hands tied behind our backs. We know there is a hard core of egg collectors and others who steal young birds of prey. The law which is designed to protect those birds is protecting the criminal instead. The fact that someone may have the eggs or young of a bird, perhaps on the verge of extinction, is no proof that the law has been broken."

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr B. L. Strachan to be ambassador to Lebanon in succession to Sir Peter Wakefield.

Mr Vernon Coren, presenter of Radio London's Asian programme, to be responsible for training immigrant broadcasters for BBC local radio.

Mr Alec Smith, assistant general secretary, to be general secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers in succession to Mr Jack MacGougan, who is retiring.

Art Nouveau and Deco sale sets two records

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's had gathered some superb works of the Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods for their Monte Carlo sale on Sunday afternoon and evening. The sale totalled £379,658, with 8 per cent unsold.

The top price of 200,000 francs (estimate 175,000 francs plus) or £23,529 was paid for a large, jewelled corsage ornament by Georges Fouquet of about 1900. It is made of gold, enamel, pearls and brilliants. At its centre is the bust of an Art Nouveau girl with golden curls and wide brilliant-splattered wings. Three stylized flowers grow from her head and a large baroque pearl drips from her bosom.

Jean Dunand, whose lacquer work has long been among the most sought after Deco prizes, was represented by a tall, lacquered copper vase (62.5cm) decorated with a geometric pattern. It made a record auction price for his work at 165,000 francs (estimate 45,000-65,000 francs) or £19,412.

A Dunand screen of similar date (about 1925) also ran well beyond expectations at 140,000 francs (estimate 40,000-50,000 francs) or £16,470, selling to Alain Lesieutre of Paris. It is decorated with a lightly draped girl in gold lacquer on a black background.

The sale also included a new auction record for Daum glass when a vase in the form of a flower with an ormolu mount modelled as a swathe of oak leaves rising from a medley of "fish realized 140,000 francs (estimate 75,000-100,000 francs) or £16,470. It is an outstanding example of Art Nouveau naturalism and dates from about 1900.

Christie's sale of Art Nouveau in New York on Friday and Saturday included more run-of-the-mill items. The total was £392,443, with 15 per cent unsold. A Tiffany wisteria lamp made the top price at $48,000 (estimate $35,000-$45,000) or £24,489.

At Christie's in London yesterday a two-session sale of Wedgwood and English pottery made £68,629, with 15 per cent unsold. A pair of Wedgwood and Bentley blue and white jasper plaques depicting Apollo and the Muses after Flaxman made £7,500 (estimate £4,000-£5,000) to Newbon.

On other expensive Wedgwood pieces there was less enthusiastic bidding, with a frame of 27 jasper cameos at £750 (estimate £2,000-£2,500).

Christie's South Kensington held four sales. Oriental works of art made £20,515, with 10 per cent unsold; silver £16,629 with less than 1 per cent unsold; Goss, Staffordshire figures and fairings £8,700 with 6 per cent unsold; and watercolours £6,835, with 25 per cent unsold.

Their first day's sale at Waterlingbury Place, Kent, of general contents after the auction of collectors' items last summer, made £30,283, with 10 per cent unsold. Books and porcelain met strongly competitive bidding but picture prices were irregular. The top price of the day was £2,500 (estimate £1,000-£1,500) for a painting of "The Flower seller's stall", dated 1874, by C. Lunardi.

Pictures sale: A painting of fishing boats by Jan Hermanus Koekkoek, signed and dated 1937, made the top price of £9,200 (estimate £8,000) in Phillips' sale of nineteenth and twentieth-century pictures yesterday. The buyer was Platt. The sale totalled £227,400. A furniture sale totalled £22,100.



The Daum glass vase which brought a record £16,470.

Viewers collapse at showing of Holy Shroud

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Sept 25

Some 150 people who fainted or collapsed in the cathedral square at Turin yesterday while queuing to see the Holy Shroud were treated at the specially established first aid post.

Altogether 220,000 yesterday went to the cathedral to see the piece of cloth traditionally said to be that in which Christ's body was wrapped immediately after the crucifixion. It is now being shown to the public for the first time since 1933.

The Turin newspaper *La Stampa* almost immediately ordered a reprinting of its special report in four languages dealing with the relic and published when viewing began at the end of last month.

Science report

Endorphins: The placebo effects

By Our Medical Correspondent

About a third of the people in pain get considerable relief from tablets or injections containing inert substances such as sugar or starch (provided that they believe that the tablets or injections contain an active drug). This placebo effect has puzzled doctors for many years; but a partial explanation has come from a research study at the University of California.

Our understanding of pain and its relief has taken a substantial step forward with the discovery of endorphins. These are peptide hormones, formed naturally within the body, that have the capacity to relieve pain by binding to receptors within the brain. It seems very likely that secretion of endorphins may explain the suppression of pain that occurs, for example, in battle, and possibly their release may be the process by which acupuncture relieves pain.

What seems certain is that the dramatic relief of pain given by opium and its derivatives morphine and heroin is due to their binding on to the same receptors as the endorphins. Indeed endorphins have been described as "the brain's natural opium".

The Californian research group argued that placebos might act by stimulating the release of endorphins, in which case the effect should be abolished by drugs such as naloxone, which block opiate receptors. To test that hypothesis they set up a research study on patients who had been given dental treatment for impacted wisdom teeth. Some patients were given morphine and some were given a placebo.

As was expected, about 40 per cent of the patients given placebo reported relief in their pain. When, however, naloxone was given as a second injection these patients found that their pain became worse. In contrast, naloxone made little or no difference to the patients who had not responded to placebo. Furthermore, when naloxone was given as the first injection it not only failed to relieve pain, but also reduced the likelihood of a placebo response to later injections.

This evidence provides strong support for the theory that placebo effects are mediated through endorphins. If indeed that is the mechanism it would explain some of the similarities between placebos and narcotic drugs. Both become less effective with repeated use; there is a tendency for the dose needed to rise with time; and withdrawal symptoms may develop when the opiate or placebo is stopped.

Besides its theoretical interest, this line of research may eventually help in the more effective management of pain with a combination of drugs and behavioural and physical methods.

Source: *The Lancet*, September 15 (p 654).

Both Tory wings criticize government housing role

By Our Planning Reporter

Both wings of the Conservative Party criticize what they consider excessive government interference in land and housing in two papers issued coincidentally.

The Bow Group, in its latest pamphlet, observes that the local authority share of housing is now more than nine-tenths in many inner city areas, compared with 31 per cent nationally. Government instructions concerning municipalized land hoarding lack urgency, and the present serious misuse of land warrants the appointment of a special minister, it says.

The Monday Club calls for legislation requiring local authorities to divest themselves of all holdings of land and housing. Tenants should have a statutory right to buy their homes, land suitable for housing should be sold to private developers, and the "rump" handed over to housing associations and trusts.

Saving Our Cities (Bow Group, 240 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7DT, 60p).

Policy Paper No. 4 (Monday Club, 51 Victoria Street, London, SW1, 10p).

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Stock Exchange Prices

Widespread small losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 18. Dealings End, Sept 29. § Contango Day, Oct 2. Settlement Day, Oct 10.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	121	..	9.3	8.4	7.7
42	26	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.6	8.4
142	39½	AGB Research	145	−6	5.2	3.5	16.0
287	134	APV Hldgs	249	−6	8.7	3.5	9.2
79½	45¼	Aaronson Bros	72	..	5.3	7.4	7.3
138	82	Acrow	136	−2	3.8	2.8	11.2
111	52	Do A	110	−1	3.8	3.5	9.1
54	11	Adda Int	50	−3	1.0	2.0	[illegible]
310	150	Adwest Group	303	−3	15.2	5.0	8.4
130	38	Aeron't & Gen	113	−5	3.8	3.4	11.6
62	42	Airfix Ind	54	−2	4.9	9.0	5.1
13¾	7¼	Akzo	£10¼	−¼	..	..	..
146	147	Alcan Ord	160	−2	13.0b	9.4	5.1
96	69	Do 10½%	£84½	..	1050	12.4	..
301	206	Algemene Ind	275	..	21.2	7.7	8.0
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	52	−2	6.8	12.9	9.3
58	25½	Allen W. G.	53	..	4.3	8.1	4.3
100¾	44¼	Allied Colloids	81	−1	2.6	3.1	15.3
74	43	Allied Insulators	60	−1	6.5	9.8	5.0
17	7¼	Allied Plant	16	..	1.1	6.7	7.0
79	19	Alpine Hldgs	78	..	3.8	4.8	20.1
362	210	Amal Metal	333	−2	24.7	7.7	13.1
177	57¼	Amal Power	162	−2	8.0	4.9	4.3
49½	21	Amber Day	49½	..	3.0	6.5	6.7
38	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	28	..	0.8	3.0	4.8
96	41	Anchor Chem	76	..	6.3	8.2	4.9
71	28½	Anderson Strath	68	−½	4.0	5.8	7.8
95	48	Anglia TV 'A'	92	−1	6.7	7.2	6.4
649	398	Anglo Amer Ind	560	−10	43.1	7.7	6.0
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	36	..	..	..	..
105	49	Appleyard	88	−3	9.5	10.8	7.1
51½	19½	Aquascutum 'A'	51½	..	2.3	4.5	10.5
137	86¼	Arlington Mtr	114	−1	11.7	10.2	4.5
77½	38	Armitage Shanks	71	..	6.5	9.2	12.4
73	30	Armst Equip	59	−3	3.2	5.4	10.1
94	55½	Ass Biscuit	81	..	4.8	5.9	5.5
260	85	Ass Book	250	−3	6.1	2.4	8.3
76	48	Ass Brit Food	73	−3	3.5	4.8	7.5
142	82	Ass Engineer	115	−1	7.9	6.9	8.9
71	36	Ass Fisheries	43	−1	..	..	..
71½	26½	Ass Leisure	70	−1	4.6	6.5	6.8
198	121	Ass News	187	−2	8.7	4.7	8.3
68	30	Ass Paper	60	−1	4.6	7.6	6.4
130	68¼	Ass Tel 'A'	119	−4	10.0	8.4	7.1
44	23	Ass Tooling	43	..	3.9	9.0	15.8
68	23	Astbury & Madley	59	..	3.0n	4.4	6.1
58	27	Atkins Bros	54	..	5.6	10.3	6.0
43	17	Audiotronic	29	−1	0.3	1.1	..
42	22	Ault & Wiborg	41½	−1½	3.1	7.6	8.2
101	56	Aurora Hldgs	95	−3	8.2	8.7	4.4
102	30	Austin E.	102	..	5.8	5.7	4.6
90½	30	Automotive Pd	76	−1	2.2	2.9	7.9
56	14½	Avana Grp	54	−1	1.7	3.1	9.8
196	113	Averys	195	−1	8.8	4.5	11.4
225	74	Avon Rubber	217	−1	14.1	6.5	3.2
347	235	B.A.T. Ind	310	−5	22.6	7.3	5.8
304	203	Do Dfd	270	−5	..	..	..
65	39	BBA Grp	59	..	3.8	6.4	6.9
124	71	BET Dfd	115	−2	8.8	7.6	6.8
144	87	BICC	133	−4	11.1	8.3	12.4
25	20	BL Ltd	22	..	..	..	..
82	61	BOC Int	74	−1	5.3	7.2	5.3
276	111	BPB Ind	244	−2	11.6	4.7	5.5
58	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	57	..	4.3n	7.6	7.0
45	17½	BSG Int	41	−1	3.2	7.9	3.9
151	84	BSR Ltd	98	..	7.5	7.6	6.6
339	149½	BTR Ltd	331	..	16.7	5.0	11.3
150	70	Babcock & W	146	−2	8.3	6.0	7.2
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	34	..	3.5	10.4	10.5
9¼	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	5½	..	0.3	5.4	45.2
194	93	Baird W.	177	−3	14.9	8.4	5.8
127	65	Baker Perkins	122	..	6.6	5.3	4.1
85	24½	Bambergers	78	−7	4.9	6.3	12.4
141	14	Bambers Stores	139	−2	2.3	1.7	10.5
70	28¼	Banro Cons	70	..	3.4	4.8	8.7
16	3½	Barker & Dobson	15½	−½	..	..	34.7
294	141	Barlow Rand	225	−3	16.4	7.3	4.7
147	80	Barr & Wallace	156	−4	5.6	3.6	5.2
160	37	Do A	154	−4	5.6	3.7	5.2
129	36½	Barratt Devs	117	−1	12.2	10.4	5.5
54	25	Barrow Hepbn	39	..	2.3b	5.8	6.7
73	33½	Barton & Sons	69	..	4.6	6.7	6.6
135	69	Bassett G.	131	−2	8.7	6.6	6.6
99	39	Bath & P'land	67	−2	5.2	7.7	5.4
83	34	Beales J.	82	−1	4.4	5.3	3.5
202	66	Beatson Clark	196	−2	7.8	4.0	5.2
34	25½	Beaufort Grp	33	..	5.1	9.5	5.8
56	46	Beckman A.	54	..	7.4	8.8	9.3
743	372	Beecham Grp	715	−15	23.2	3.9	13.9
83	39½	Bejam Grp	82	+2	2.3	3.7	..
65	51	Benrose Corp	62	..	6.2	7.5	10.5
73	25¼	Benn Bros	68	..	3.6	5.3	14.0
211	121	Berec Grp	147	−2	6.5	4.4	6.7
63	31	Berisfords	59	..	3.8	6.1	5.2
67	36	Best & May	65	−1	4.7	7.2	7.6
175	122	Bestobell	160	+1	14.4b	9.0	7.9
63	18	Bett Bros	62	..	2.7n	4.4	9.7
263	102	Bibby J.	266	−8	10.7	4.3	4.7
56	24½	Bifurcated Eng	54	..	4.4	8.1	5.2
214	50	Birm'gham Mint	114	..	7.4	6.5	7.4
127	68	Black & Edg'tn	107	+1	7.1	6.6	13.0
72	35¼	Blackwd Hodge	69½	−1	3.4b	5.1	7.2
36	18	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
275	122	Blagden & N	242	..	18.2	7.5	10.4
302	153	Blue Circle Ind	294	−10	14.7	5.2	7.7
87	39	Blundell Perm	86	..	4.8	5.6	8.3
26½	7½	Boardman K.O.	13½	..	1.7	8.9	6.3
73	33	Bodycote	73	..	3.4	4.5	7.3
44	17	Bonser Eng	43	..	2.2	5.1	12.4
300	128	Booker McCon	292	−8	12.0	4.1	8.5
161	87	Boot H.	150	..	13.9	9.3	8.4
242	215	Boots	213	..	9.1b	4.3	15.1
97	45	Borthwick T.	60	..	9.4	15.7	8.3
19½	11¼	Boulton W.	19½	..	1.7	8.8	7.8
218	160	Bowater Corp	201	−5	14.9	7.4	9.2
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	64	−½	2.3n	3.8	7.6
96	51½	Braby Leslie	85	−2	6.7	7.9	4.3
76	54	Brady Ind	60	..	5.3	8.8	..
75	44	Do A	56	−1	5.3	9.5	10.6
41	21½	Braham Millar	41	..	2.2	5.4	3.8
43	37	Braid Grp	40	..	2.2	5.4	6.9
179	67½	Braithwaite	120	−2	6.5	5.9	5.1
178	44½	Brammer H.	175	−2	6.4	3.6	11.4
59	34	Bremner	56	..	7.0	12.4	14.1
216	70½	Brent Chem Int	204	−2	4.8	2.4	17.1
69	25	Brent Walker	61	−1	1.9	3.1	25.1
54	22	Brickhouse Dud	53	..	3.6	6.7	8.1
172	99	Bridon	171	−2	9.3	5.4	12.0
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	32	..	3.7	11.5	10.9
49½	20	Brit Car Auctn	48½	−½	3.6b	7.7	11.9
246	137	Brit Home Strs	209	−3	9.5	4.5	16.9
66	34	Brit Printing	55	−1	5.2	9.5	5.2
57	45½	Brit Sm Spec	56	..	7.1	7.5	9.1
150	69½	Brit Sugar	142	−1	7.2b	5.1	3.4
70¼	38½	Brit Syphon Ind	62½	..	5.0	8.0	4.5
69½	30½	Brit Tar Prod	59	−1	3.1	5.3	13.8
117	36½	Brit Vita	113	−3	3.0	2.7	4.9
30	13½	Brittains	23	−1	2.3	9.9	6.0
74	44	Brockhouse Ltd	68	−1	5.8	8.5	6.5
86	41	Brocks Grp	64	−1	5.7	8.9	16.2
765	385	Broken Hill	750	−5	19.5	2.6	33.0
89	35	Brook St Bur	84	−2	6.4	7.6	17.0
56	34	Brooke Bond	47	−1	4.3	9.1	3.9
39	17	Brooke Tool	30	..	3.8b	7.5	10.6
158	49	Brotherhood P.	156	−6	9.8	7.8	9.4
235	23	Brown & J'kson	230	−5	1.5	0.7	20.2
139	74	Brown & Tawse	137	..	7.3	5.3	7.9
62	32	BBK	59½	−½	3.3	5.6	7.5
57	22	Brown Bros Cp	39½	−½	1.6	4.1	15.2
495	96	Brown J.	464	−10	13.4	2.9	4.8
126	65	Bruntons	103	..	10.6b	9.8	9.6
54	17	Bryant Hldgs	50	−1	3.6	7.1	10.3
176	61½	Bulloughs Ltd	167	..	9.3	5.6	6.9
70	28	Bulmer & Lumb	62	..	4.7	7.6	5.1
120	47	Bunzl Pulp	98	−1	7.4	7.6	4.4
41½	35	Burco Dean	69	−3	6.2	9.0	6.9
52	22	Burgess Prod	45	−1	3.5	7.7	7.1
212	64	Burnett H'shire	210	−1	4.3	2.1	5.5
211	63	Do A NV	210	−1	4.3	2.1	5.5
61	16	Burns And'son	61	+1	2.5	4.0	5.5
17¼	9	Burrell & Co	14½	−½	1.4	12.2	18.3
186	130	Burt Boulton	182	..	15.2	8.3	6.8
192	51	Burton Grp	168	−4	2.3	1.4	..
184	39	Do A	158	−4	2.3	2.4	..
88	30	Butterfield-Harvy	78	−3	3.6	4.6	8.3

C — E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
35	14½	CH Industrials	33	−1	3.0	9.2	4.7
67½	25½	Cadbury Sch	60½	−2	4.6	7.9	7.6
212	84½	Caffyns	209	..	9.6	8.8	8.1
62	42	C'bread Robey	62	..	2.5	4.0	16.4
136	30	Campari	122	−2	3.0	2.3	6.8
134	64	Do B	122	−12	..	..	..

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 25.09.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1964)

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earn-ings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	231.84	6.31	11.63	235.04
Largest Coys.	226.25	6.67	11.13	228.56
Smaller Coys.	210.54	7.06	13.32	213.68
Capital Goods	270.03	6.60	14.05	275.62
Consumer Goods	229.06	6.75	11.13	231.51
Store Shares	192.84	6.26	8.13	194.63
Largest financial shares	223.64	6.25	—	228.38
Largest financial and industrial shares	224.94	6.10	—	229.80
Commodity shares	287.10	4.99	12.75	[illegible]
Gold Mining shares	359.90	8.70	13.83	361.21
Industrial debenture stocks	94.11	6.35*	—	94.24
Industrial preference stocks	56.62	12.31*	—	56.65
3½% War Loan	31⅛	11.39*	—	31⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	252.06	(14.09.78)	50.18	(12.12.74)
1978	252.06	(14.09.78)	164.95	(02.03.78)
1977	222.09	(14.09.77)	131.29	(12.01.77)
1976	171.85	(05.05.76)	115.83	(27.10.76)
1975	154.92	(28.11.75)	61.42	(06.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	50.18	(12.12.74)
1973	180.35	(12.01.73)	120.30	(14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Faster growth forecast for West German economy, p 20

Further pressure on the dollar as gold gains $5 to reach a new peak

By Caroline Atkinson

The dollar fell to record lows against the Swiss franc and Deutsche mark yesterday while the price of gold soared by $5 an ounce to a new peak of $219.875 in London.

The Swiss franc touched 1.482 against the dollar before closing at 1.491. The Deutsche mark finished up just over one pfennig at 1.942 to the dollar.

However, there were no new market factors to explain the dollar's slump yesterday. Dealers remain worried about the accelerating rate of inflation in America and about the still large trade gap.

The prospect of President Jimmy Carter's speech to the International Monetary Fund last night did little to cheer the market as few dealers expected the President to announce significant measures to bolster the dollar.

Dollar selling appeared to begin in New York yesterday afternoon. It came as something as a surprise after optimistic reports on the world economy out of Washington from both the IMF and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

A tightening of American credit conditions with a round of prime rate rises was also shrugged off as being insufficient to change the underlying weakness of the dollar.

Dealers were speculating on further falls in the dollar's value today and, for the rest of the week despite the promised package of anti-inflationary measures.

The markets are very nervous and nobody wants to be the first to buy back into dollars.

Central banks intervened to help the dollar, but not to a great extent.

Sterling had a mixed day. It fell in early trading amid fears about the Ford troubles, and at one stage the Bank of England stepped in with support.

However, the pound later recovered against both the dollar and some major European currencies.

Its effective rate index, measured against a basket of currencies, finished unchanged from Friday at 62.8 per cent of its end-1971 value. It had opened at 62.5 per cent.

Against the dollar sterling rose by 40 points from Friday to close at $1.9755.

The rise of the Deutsche mark put the European joint float—the snake—under pressure again. The Belgian franc and Dutch guilder both needed help to stay up against the Deutsche mark.

Prospects of French entry into a new European monetary system have weakened the franc in the past week. It lost ground against most currencies yesterday and dealers expect it will be devalued before joining a new scheme of fixed exchange rates.

It fell from 4.376 to the dollar on Friday to 4.3825 yesterday.

Mr Hattersley urges statutory powers to curb advertisers who make misleading claims

By Derek Harris

Statutory powers to deal with a "recalcitrant minority" of advertisers were urged yesterday by Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

But Mr Hattersley's further suggestions for controlling and limiting advertising on industry which is used to blunt commercial competition—including the possibility of an advertising tax—brought strong opposition from Advertising Association.

The association nevertheless welcomed statutory backing for the code of conduct as a means of dealing with the "few occasions" when both advertisers and publishers ignored the code.

But it was cooler about Mr Hattersley's suggestion that the Advertising Standards Association should have the power to instruct an offending advertiser to publish a correction drafted by the ASA and paid for by the advertiser.

This might be an additional deterrent but would not necessarily benefit the consumer, said the association.

But Mr Hattersley, who was speaking at the National Co-operative Drapery and Fashion Managers' Association national conference in Bournemouth, stepped into even more controversial territory by urging the Advertising Association to investigate other issues, particularly the way advertising can be used to blunt the edge of commercial competition.

It could prop up producers of inferior products, enabling them to survive longer than would otherwise be the case, said Mr Hattersley.

"A monopolist may plough some of his monopoly profits into forms of advertising which frustrate the prospects of new competitors", he said. "Advertising is an alternative to price cutting as a competitive device."

It was not obvious that consumers always gained from this extra input of resources.

Two examples of the potential economic damage from advertising were in recent Price Commission reports on the sanitary protection market and patent medicines.

This brought strong reaction from the Advertising Association which later "rejected categorically" the criticisms of the economic role of marketing.

Mr Hattersley said that imposition of an advertising tax was one suggestion to create schemes that would control and limit the use of advertising without imposing unacceptable restrictions on traditional liberties.

Powers could be taken to limit advertising by a particular company or group when there was a critical report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission or the Price Commission, he said.

But then there was a risk that any restriction on advertising expenditure could be circumvented by diverting it to even less desirable forms of sales promotion, "most of which are designed to trick the public into believing that they are getting better value for money than is actually the case".

The Government could also examine the possibility that a body might be created to examine advertising expenditure and evaluate its social and economic consequences, rather as the Price Commission does in its area.

The association said that these ideas would further circumscribe Britain's efforts to improve performance in marketing, an area where the country had been losing out to international competition.

Mr Hattersley added that once the ASA was armed with the backstop of statutory powers he would hope to give it other responsibilities, including the duty to pay more attention to the concept of social responsibility

Laker order for airbus engines goes to GE

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

General Electric, the big United States jet engine manufacturer, has won the competition to provide the power plants for the fleet of 10 European A300 airbuses which Laker Airways the British independent airline is buying at a cost of £180m.

Although no contracts have yet been signed, agreement with GE was reached late last week. I understand, after a series of discussions at the airline's headquarters at Gatwick airport.

The unsuccessful candidates in the competition were the other big American engine company, Pratt and Whitney, with its JT9D, and Rolls-Royce, with the RB211.

Rolls' proposal failed because of a lack of agreement on who should supply the sum of £25m required for certification of the 211 on the airbus and for development costs—mainly a new pylon on which the engines are hung.

Neither Rolls nor Laker was prepared to put up the money, and the Government has already made it clear that it has no wish to intervene in the Laker airbus deal.

Announcing the purchase of the A300s last week, Sir Freddie Laker, chairman of the airline, said that he had bought them for commercial rather than political reasons.

This was a reference to the speculation that the purchase of airbuses by a British airline could provide the key to the entry by Britain into the airbus consortium, the leading partners in which are France and West Germany.

Britain would like to enter, but France continues to refuse permission because its government is piqued that British Airways should have been allowed to buy 19 American Boeing 757 airliners rather than a fleet of A310s, a 200-seat version of the 300-seat A300.

Rolls made it clear last night that it remained interested in having its RB 211 engines fitted to the European airbus family.

The real competition for the Laker order emerges as having been between the two American "giants", General Electric and Pratt and Whitney.

Although no figures were being released yesterday, it is assumed that GE scored on both price and fuel economy. GE's case was that its CF6-50C2, with a similar engine in Laker's new DC 10s, would save the airline $1m (£526,000) a year over earlier engine versions.

From Laker Airways' point of view, it plainly made sense to have the same family of engines in all 21 aircraft which will comprise the fleet by the early 1980s.

Sir Freddie, who has consistently deplored the lack of a British-made airliner which he could buy, said he would have chosen the British engine if all the conditions and prices had been the same between it and American competitors.

The British Government is waiting this week to see whether it will be admitted to the airbus consortium. Airbus Industrie has made it clear that until a decision is made by the end of September, it will begin no the wings for the A310.

German warning on parity changes



Mr Michael Blumenthal, United States Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, confer at yesterday's meeting

From David Blake
Washington, Sept 25

The German federal bank accepts that in the initial years of the proposed European monetary system it will be necessary for countries which have inflation rates well above the lowest levels in Europe to accept a series of devaluations.

It is felt that such parity changes could be carried out easily and painlessly, as is done now in the snake.

Acceptance of parity changes within the early years of the proposed scheme will make it easier, it is felt, to accommodate weak countries which cannot be expected to complete the domestic stabilization needed by the time the scheme comes into force next spring.

Herr Hans Matthöfer, Germany's Finance Minister, said that for the system to work there would have to be "even closer coordination of economic policies between the participating countries". He promised that the European Economic Community would take account of the interests of other countries.

In an article in the magazine American Banker published here today Dr Otmar Emminger, president of the German federal bank, suggested it would be wrong to look on the idea of some countries initially having first and second rate membership.

He also suggested using a deliberately under-valued currency or a postponement of joining by countries with high inflation rates. In addition, he suggested, relatively higher interest rates must also play a role.

Some indication of the United Kingdom's attitude to the European monetary system proposal may come in the speech by Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor, at tomorrow's meeting of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr Healey may try to ease some of the worries felt by the United Kingdom's partners over whether Britain is seriously interested in joining the system. He is also likely to give some indication of the Government's views on pay and prices.

The tone of his speech may be guardedly optimistic about the way in which the world economy is moving. The same note of cautious optimism was struck by M Jacques de Larosière, the managing director of the IMF, in his speech to the fund session this morning.

He said that there had been "some encouraging economic developments" since the fund met a year ago, but it was still necessary to fight inflation, slow growth and payment problems throughout the world.

He said that calculations made by the fund suggested that the very large changes in parity in recent years should show up in very big volume changes by 1980.

Meantime, it was vital for countries to have the right domestic policies to allow these changes to work through in a beneficial way.

He made a specific call for the United States to accept a growth rate well below the 4½ per cent experienced in recent years. Such a slowdown was necessary on both domestic and international payments grounds, he argued.

He also called for expansionary measures to be taken by strong surplus countries to switch the basis of their demand from exports to domestic demand.

Countries with weak payments positions and high inflation rates ought to concentrate their efforts above all on tackling the fundamental weakness of their economies.

It was particularly important, he said, to turn away from artificial aids designed to prop up inefficient industries.

In the fight against inflation, it might be necessary to place more emphasis on incomes policy to cope with the upward pressure on prices coming from depreciation.

While stressing that many countries were strongly in favour of greater currency stability, he said that this could only come from getting the underlying issues of inflation control in the United States and demand creation in Germany and Japan right.

With the confidence this would create "limited and occasional intervention might suffice to smooth the market satisfactorily. Without such confidence, even huge amounts of intervention would do little good".

Although not explicitly directed against the European monetary system proposals, his comments carried overtones of the questioning attitude which the IMF holds towards the scheme, though this attitude stops a long way short of overt hostility.

M de Larosière welcomed the increase in special drawing rights and quotas which were agreed by the interim committee. Such an increased source of funds was necessary to allow the fund to play an expanding role in watching over the workings of the international monetary system.

The increase in the number of SDRs was also needed to keep them in an important position in the monetary system.

The mood of some optimism that at last things are starting to look a little brighter also permeated the comments of Herr Matthöfer on the world economy and issues affecting the International Monetary Fund.

He called for a removal of protectionism and drew attention to the rise in German imports of manufactured goods. He welcomed recent United States action aimed at cutting inflations.

Mr Tatsuo Murayama, the Japanese Finance Minister, called on the United States to ensure dollar stability, and said that Japan's payments surplus was now falling rapidly. He made a strong plea for a share out of quotas in the next round aimed at giving a bigger voting position to Japan.

Car sales slow down during autumn

Timing of Ford strike favours company side

The strike at Ford could have come at a much worse time for the company.

In addition to being in the healthiest financial position of all British car makers, Ford's integrated European operation and heavy reliance on fleet sales makes it much more able than its competitors to withstand a damaging strike.

Ford has the unenviable responsibility of being the vanguard of the Government's new pay policy, but the important period for car sales is now over.

The "T" registration is nearly two months old, and the autumn is traditionally a time when dealers are struggling to get rid of cars.

The waiting list at the moment for Cortinas is between eight and 10 weeks, and for the Escort nearly 12 weeks. These are Ford's estimates, but some dealers have experienced delays of up to five months.

Ford will be looking anxiously at the reaction of fleet buyers who adopt different criteria than the private motorist. Buying for a fleet is planned on an accountancy basis, and transport managers are more likely to wait slightly longer for deliveries than the fickle private buyer.

If fleet buyers remain loyal—they provide Ford with about half of all their sales in this country—the effects of the strike will be much less damaging than may at first seem likely.

Ford's last major stoppage was in 1971 when a nine-week strike cost the company £100m in lost production.

But with pre-tax profits last year of £246m and even better figures in prospect for the current year, the company has a sound financial base on which to rest.

The big imponderable is whether the Transport and General Workers' Union, with a large membership at Ford, decides to spread the dispute and involve members at the docks.

If Ford's imports from Europe, which account for about a third of their sales in this country, were to be blacked, the situation would become much more serious.

Ford said yesterday that it could see no reason why it cannot go on importing Granadas, Capris and Fiestas manufactured abroad, but the management has apparently ruled out the possibility of stepping up imports to meet the shortfall of 14,000 vehicles a week from the United Kingdom factories.

The reason given for this reluctance to import more cars is that they are left-hand drive, a difficulty which is by no means insuperable, and the real reason appears to be an unwillingness to cause further friction with the unions.

A prolonged strike will obviously affect companies supplying materials and components, and it would also have a snowball effect on parts of the European operations which rely on parts manufactured in Britain. Engines from Dagenham go into Granadas and Capris manufactured in Germany for example.

If Ford decided to break the Government's pay limit and the question of sanctions arose, the most likely result would be withdrawal of state-inspired orders for vehicles—about 25,000 a year.

A withdrawal of Government industry and regional aid could threaten the new engine plant at Bridgend in South Wales.

Construction work on the plant was started nearly a year ago, although it is three months behind schedule because of disputes at the site. Government assistance on the project is estimated to be more than £100m of the total £180m cost.

David Felton

Tourists spent £2,750m in Britain last year

By Our Commercial Editor

If Britain is to maintain its record-breaking invisible earnings from tourism the Government will have to be prepared to give more aid to the industry, Sir Henry Marking, chairman of the British Tourist Authority (BTA) said yesterday.

The BTA, which gets a £10m a year grant from government, alone needs an extra £2.5m next year, he added.

Sir Henry also wants to see more money going to the English, Welsh and Scottish tourist boards, with more areas than at present able to benefit from special development area aid.

Sir Henry was giving his annual review of the state of the industry which last year—jubilee year—saw a 15 per cent increase in volume of foreign visitors and a 30 per cent rise in their spending. About 11.5 million visitors spent £2,750m including fares income to British air and shipping lines.

But with the strengthening of sterling Britain could no longer be described as the bargain basement of Europe, and international competition for the attention of the tourist was increasing, Sir Henry said.

He gave warning that the going would be harder, although he forecast a slight rise in tourism volume growth this year to 12 million foreign visitors. But spending by visitors would rise by only 10 to 15 per cent, he believed.

Sir Henry made the forecast despite totals so far this year being slightly down. North American traffic was up 9 per cent in the first part of the year, but European traffic was down, leaving an overall decrease of 2 per cent. In June there was a 1 per cent decline overall compared with the same month last year.

"These are warning signs", Sir Henry said, although he felt the trend to cheaper air fares would grow to the advantage of tourism internationally.

But more promotional work was needed to bring more of the trade to Britain and, with foreign tourists becoming more price conscious, the tourist industry including the hotels and other services had to remain competitive. "We have to give value for money and it is this aspect that worries me most", Sir Henry added.



Sir Henry Marking: more promotional work needed.

Improved tax allowances for hotels, bringing them more into line with the way manufacturing industry was treated, had been welcome but the Government still needed to remove fiscal and other discriminations against tourism service trades as compared with manufacturing industry, Sir Henry said.

Development of new tourism areas needed to be pursued energetically. A comparatively small further investment in the BTA, whose staff although smaller than five years ago was under increasing pressure, would yield "an enormous return", he said.

Provision of adequate hotel accommodation in Britain was a major consideration in developing the new tourism facilities which would enable Britain to remain competitive, according to the BTA annual report.

Tarmac half-time profits dip 37 pc

Interim profits by Tarmac, the roadstone and civil engineering company, fell 37 per cent, it was announced yesterday.

In the first six months of this year group profits were £6.25m, compared with £10m last year.

However, Mr Robin Martin, the chairman, expects second half profits to show some improvement on last year's figure of £14.2m, although full year profits are now unlikely to match the £24.2m made in the whole of last year.

Mr Martin's more optimistic tone for the second half resulted in the shares closing unchanged at 148p yesterday after they had dipped sharply on the results.

But the price compares with 217p at which the shares stood last September just before the revelation of major problems in Nigeria which eventually resulted in losses of £16m.

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In brief

Shipbuilders to visit China

A two-week trade mission by British Shipbuilders to China will leave for Peking on October 3. The nine-man team will be led by Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, chairman, and will include Mr Michael Casey, chief executive, and Mr John Parker, board member for marketing and shipbuilding.

The visit follows the successful trip made to China by Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, with a party of top industrialists.

MAIBL sells more shares

Midland and International Banks (MAIBL) has disposed of all its shares in the member banks that own the London-based consortium concern.

MAIBL conceded yesterday that it had sold two million shares in Midland Bank and one million shares in Standard Chartered last Friday, raising around £12.2m as a "tidying-up operation".

At the same time it also sold its stakes in Toronto-Dominion Bank and Commercial Bank of Australia at close to market prices, raising a further £8m.

The consortium bank explained that it had come by these share stakes as part of the capital of the bank when it was set up in 1964 and when exchange control difficulties had made it difficult for the two Commonwealth banks to inject cash.

A spokesman added that it had for some time been looking for an opportunity to dispose of the shares.

The money will be used to replace existing sources of funds in the balance sheet and on the Bank of England's informal rules for lending could allow MAIBL amost to double its balance sheet total—if the lending opportunities were available.

EMI patents suit filed

In a legal suit filed yesterday, EMI claims that the General Electric Company of the United States has infringed eight EMI patents concerning computerized tomography scanning systems. This is through the manufacture and sale of such systems by GE's medical systems division.

The British company has asked the Federal District Court in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to stop GE from using EMI's patented inventions, and to award damages for past infringements. But EMI says it is prepared to license the use of its patented inventions by GE, and has invited negotiations to that end.

The suit is similar to previous patent infringement actions which EMI has pending against Ohio-Nuclear and against Pfizer. More than 500 EMI scanners are now in operation in the United States.

Girobank gaining listed status

National Girobank has passed another milestone in its transition to a full bank. From the end of this month it will have listed status from the Bank of England.

This means that Girobank will be subject to the Bank's credit control arrangements though under the present statutory controls it already keeps a liquidity ratio of at least 20 per cent. It will have to hold 12½ per cent of its eligible liabilities in reserve assets, lodge 3 per cent of these liabilities with the Bank as special deposits, and is in theory governed by the supplementary special deposits scheme (the corset) though in practice as its interest-bearing liabilities do not exceed £10m it will not be affected.

Stock Exchange dealers gloomy

The FT ordinary share index had its sharpest one-day fall since August 24 yesterday. It fell 9.2 to 509.4. The index was last below 500 on August 4.

Institutional buyers are staying away until the uncertainty over the Ford strike was resolved. Gilt-edged were held back by the same strike fears as well as by rising interest rates in the United States.

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French protests at plight of ship and steel plants

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Sept 25

Steel workers in Lorraine, a region considered among those most threatened by a French Government plan to rationalize and salvage the industry, largely supported a protest strike called today by steel unions.

The Government plan inevitably entails massive lay-offs, and support for today's strike was strongest by workers in the plants most threatened. Four hundred marched from the Hagondange headquarters of Sacilor, one of the most vulnerable groups, and blocked the motorways to Saarbrucken, Strasburg, Nancy, Paris and Luxembourg. The blockade lasted about 20 minutes and caused serious congestion.

At Ollioules, near Toulon, shipbuilding and ship repair workers demonstrated to press for a Government plan to salvage their industry, which is threatened with closures. They gathered near a fairground where the UDF, the organisation of non-Gaullist parties, is holding a seminar, and shouted hostile slogans at ministers and party leaders.

Some spat at the car of M Jean Lecanuet, the chairman of the UDF, jumped on the bonnet, smashed the windscreen and injured his driver. M Lecanuet himself was unharmed.

One small bright spot in an otherwise gloomy labour situation in the industry is the decision of 3,000 workers of the Terrin ship repair yards at Marseilles to resume work for a trial period of one month after a 12-day strike to protest against extensive lay-offs.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 221.84 −3.20
The FT index: 509.4 −9.2

Rises

Anglo Am Cial	5p to 665p	Libanon	6p to 557p
Cropper J	4p to 84p	Lasmo	10p to 156p
Denbyware	3p to 103p	May & Hassell	3p to 81p
Fogarty E	3p to 188p	Man Ship Canal	5p to 258p
Harrison Cros	25p to 550p	Steep Rock	15p to 242p
Jardine M'son	8p to 260p	Welkom	7p to 336p
Kloof	6p to 607p	Winkelhaak	10p to 709p

Falls

Barclays Bk	8p to 340p	Hawker Sidd	5p to 248p
Beecham Grp	15p to 715p	Home Charm	2p to 220p
Distillers	3p to 203p	Imp Chem Ind	4p to 391p
EMI	4p to 156p	Lovell Hldgs	13p to 107p
Fisons	25p to 360p	Muar River	5p to 53p
GEC	10p to 320p	Utd Scientific	10p to 348p
GKN	4p to 285p		

Equities had many falls.
Gilt edge securities retreated.
Dollar premium 38¼ per cent (effective rate 46.8 per cent).
Sterling gained 40pts to $1.9755. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.8.

Gold gained $5 an ounce to $219.875.
SDR's was 1.27884 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.649388.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1480.5 (previous 1476.9).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.70
Austria Sch	29.00	27.00
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.00
Canada $	2.37	2.30
Denmark Kr	10.97	10.47
Finland Mkk	8.25	7.90
France Fr	8.88	8.48
Germany Dm	4.02	3.80
Greece Dr	73.00	69.00
Hongkong $	9.60	9.15
Italy Lr	1675.00	1590.00
Japan Yn	395.00	370.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.12
Norway Kr	10.51	10.06
Portugal Esc	92.75	86.75
S Africa Rd	2.03	1.90
Spain Pes	149.00	142.00
Sweden Kr	8.88	8.58
Switzerland Fr	3.15	2.93
US $	2.02	1.96
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.00	38.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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CUMMINS ENGINE COMPANY LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

The unaudited sales and net profit of the Company for the six months ended 2nd July, 1978 as compared with the sales and net profit for the six months ended 3rd July, 1977 are as follows:

	Six Months Ended 2nd July 1978	Six Months Ended 3rd July 1977
Sales	£48,207,000	£46,853,000
Profit before taxation	£1,391,000	£4,812,000
Provision for taxation	580,000	2,359,000
Net profit	£811,000	£2,453,000

Note:
Corporation tax has been charged on the taxable profits for the period at the rate of 52%.

Registered office and U.K. Marketing Headquarters: Coombe House, St. George's Square, New Malden, Surrey.

Manufacturing, construction and wholesale and retail trades should help raise GNP to 3 pc

Forecast of faster growth in German economy

From Peter Norman
Brussels, Sept 25

The impression that West Germany's economy is at last entering a period of stronger growth has been reinforced by the publication today of the latest monthly report from the IFO Economic Research Institute in Munich.

Despite currency uncertainty in August, the institute records a continuing improvement in business opinion in manufacturing industry, the construction sector and wholesale and retail trades.

It forecasts an acceleration of real growth in the economy in the second half of this year, predicting a 3½ per cent rise in real gross national product compared with the second half of 1977.

As GNP rose by a real 2.8 per cent in the first six months of this year, overall growth should turn out at around 3 per cent.

One of the more remarkable findings of the IFO study is a growing optimism about export prospects on the part of manufacturing industry. The strength of the Deutsche mark on foreign exchange markets appears to count for less than the expectation of a growing demand for West German goods as economic conditions improve abroad.

The other positive news from industry is of a rising domestic demand for investment goods, particularly in the machine building sector. Although there has been no significant improvement in capacity utilization in industry over the past 12 months, companies seem to be willing to commit funds to modernizing their plant.

In the building industry, where production is expected to grow at a faster rate than the economy as a whole this year, around 30 per cent of companies are complaining of labour shortages hindering the completion of contracts.

IFO reports that both the wholesale and retail sectors are viewing the future with greater optimism.

The monthly reports from IFO are taken seriously by policymakers in Bonn and Frankfurt, as the institute's survey of business opinion is one of the more reliable early indicators of economic developments.

The latest survey tends to confirm the optimistic assessment of the economy published by the Federal Bank a week ago.

Bonn cancels £1,100m of Third World debt

Bonn, Sept 25.—The West German Government within the next four weeks or so plans to work out details of a scheme to write off about DM4,300m (£1,100m) of debt owed by the poorest developing countries, Herr Rainer Offergeld, the Economic Cooperation Minister, said today.

The Government planned to forgo collecting principal and interest due from next January 1 on official developments credits granted to the group of 30 least developed countries.

The debt write-offs, which would cost about DM80m a year until 2028, would be worked our on a country-by-country basis under guidelines which the Cabinet would decide over the next few weeks, Herr Offergeld said.

The working out of individual settlements would take up to a year, but all agreements would be made retroactive to January 1.

Bangladesh, Sudan, Tanzania and Afghanistan will be the main countries to profit from the scheme.—Reuter.

Lucas to press offer for Ducellier despite opposition from French

By Clifford Webb

Peugeot-Citroën's bid for Chrysler Europe has made Lucas even more determined to press ahead with its £13.3m offer to gain control of the French auto-electric company, Ducellier, despite French Government opposition for the past seven months.

Speaking in Birmingham yesterday, Mr Walter Waller, Lucas group marketing director, said: "If anyone had said Chrysler Europe would be selling out five years ago Lucas would have laughed at them. But today the face of the European motor industry is changing rapidly.

"Today victory is going to the big profitable battalions operating on a multinational basis, and we have a duty to our employees to push Lucas's potential to the limit."

He said Mr Bernard Scott, Lucas chairman, had been involved in talks with French ministers for months, and was continuing to talk despite the chauvinistic attitude of the French.

Lucas was not trying to "splinter" SEV, the new company formed with French government backing by the merging of Cibie Marchal and Paris-Rhone and to which it would like to add Ducellier.

But Lucas had been in France since 1960, and had a considerable stake in the French economy. It was only right that it should continue to play a full part there.

It already owned 49 per cent of Ducellier, and had made an offer to buy the remaining 51 per cent from the Bendix Corporation of America. But the French seemed to be "terrified" of the Americans and wanted French control again.

He went on: "It has to be said that the French are the least European member of the EEC."

Mr Waller was speaking at a press conference called to reveal details of Lucas's huge commitment to next month's Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

It is estimated that Lucas is investing more than £500,000 to provide a permanent press centre, a nightly cabaret at a Birmingham restaurant, a fireworks display, water-skiing on the NEC lake, Red devils parachute displays, a 6,000-bloom floral welcome, and a double-decked Lucas stand backed by a spectacular laser beam communications set.



Mr Bernard Scott, Lucas chairman: months of talks with French ministers.

Renold strike likely to affect motor industry

By Our Midlands Correspondent

Another challenge to the Government's Phase Four pay policy may affect wide sections of the motor industry. A week-old strike by 900 workers at Renold's Coventry plant has stopped production of timing chains for car engines used by most British companies.

A spokesman at Renold's Manchester headquarters said: "Although we have another factory producing timing chains it cannot possibly fill the gap left by Coventry.

"It will also be extremely difficult for the car firms to find alternative supplies in the very substantial quantities needed to maintain engine production."

Both sides appear to be digging in for a long stoppage. The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is being pressed by its local district committee to declare the strike official.

The request will get a sympathetic hearing from union leaders because the men's claim has exhausted the established disputes procedure and they walked out only after giving statutory notice of strike action.

The company has told the union and the Coventry Engineering Employers' Association that it cannot meet the demand for "a substantial rise"—thought to be in excess of 10 per cent—without breaching the Government's 5 per cent limit.

Another problem facing Renold, and one likely to cause increasing friction throughout the engineering industry in the next few months, is the implementation of the national engineering agreement concluded seven months ago. It gave guaranteed earnings undertakings which were to become operative in Phase Four.

At Renold this called for an extra 1½ per cent when the current pay deal ran out last month. The union insists that this should be additional to the 5 per cent, but the Government has ruled that it must be inclusive.

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Thomas Cook expanding outlets to 400 from 160

By Derek Harris

Thomas Cook, Britain's largest travel agents who last week set the travel industry on the road to an inducements war, is planning to intensify the battle for customers on a different front.

It aims to increase its outlets and possibly include franchising operations for the first time.

Cook's at present has 160 outlets and many of the 4,000 other travel agents in the country also sell Cook's holiday packages.

The company, now owned by the Midland Bank, is looking for new sites to bring its outlet total to 400, which would give it the coverage it wants throughout the country.

The possibility of some of the extra outlets being franchise operations is being studied. With smaller, independent travel agents likely to come under increasing pressure as the incentives battle intensifies, Cook's could negotiate franchises with the sort of quality operators it wants to recruit.

Expansion on this scale would take Cook's well ahead of the second largest agency chain, Pickfords Travel, which now almost matches Cook's in outlet numbers.

However independent tour operators are moving into direct selling to the public, cutting out agents altogether, and about half the 60 members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO) already operate on a direct sale basis. Some of those who still largely use travel agents are now considering increasing the proportion of their direct sales business.

"With costs as they are, direct selling is now much more attractive," Mr Peter Chadda, of the Luton-based Silvair Holidays, said. Only 10 per cent of his business is now with direct selling.

Tour operators are looking hard at cost because of increasing speculation that some Mediterranean holiday countries are likely to increase hotel prices. It is possible prices to the operators of Spanish tours could rise as much as 50 per cent and Greek rates are also likely to go up.

House price increases continuing

More houses are on the market than for three years, but even though mortgage difficulties are an additional pressure, prices are still steadily climbing.

This is the conclusion of the latest quarterly survey of the market by the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers (ISVA) covering the three months to the end of August and based on returns from agent members of ISVA.

Increase in the housing stock is the first registered since the ISVA survey was started at the beginning of 1975. There had been a steady decline until the quarter to August, when the housing stock rose by 12.4 per cent.

Slowing of the pace of building society lending has in turn slowed the house sales market, but the climb in house prices still seems "inexorable", ISVA says.

Most agents predicted continuing increases in prices—in some cases by as much as 25 per cent—in the next 12 months. In the quarter surveyed the cheapest houses had risen 3.9 per cent in the three months while in the range of £12,500 to £20,000 prices had risen 5.4 per cent.

Among houses in the next most expensive sector, up to £35,000, there were increases of 3.8 per cent, and more expensive houses than that rose 4.5 per cent.

Across the domestic property spectrum as a whole prices rose 4.5 per cent in the quarter.

Mr Michael Rains, chairman of the Estate Agency Committee of the ISVA, commented: "Building societies are lending for improvements and extensions on a large scale, depriving the open market.

"Nevertheless this does not appear to have had the anticipated curbing effect on prices, which have quietly soared during the past 12 months."

Output of steel falls in August

Brussels, Sept 25.—Crude steel production in the 29 member countries of the International Iron and Steel Institute fell to a provisional 36.49 million tonnes in August from a revised 37.71 million in July. Production was 34.82 million tonnes in August last year.

The 4.8 per cent overall rise from August, 1977, reflects continuing expansion in the United States where production gained 10.9 per cent to 10.46 million tonnes.

EEC production in August showed a 0.1 per cent drop to 9.33 million tonnes, reflecting a 27.2 per cent fall in output in the United Kingdom, and Italy, down 11.1 per cent, compared with increases in other EEC countries.—Reuter.

TV deliveries down in July

Colour television deliveries were down in July compared with the same month last year and also compared with deliveries in June, but deliveries overall in the first seven months of this year were still up on those of last year—903,000 as against 836,000.

The British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association (Brema), reporting this yesterday, said that while all July deliveries, particularly of audio products, had been boosted by increased import volumes, consumer demand generally had remained rather flat.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parity grid for stable trade

From Mr Peter Landymore

Sir, So, in the European Monetary Fund plan, "Britain will find itself presented with an option which it can take or leave but not alter" (today's leader, September 18). Those of us who have witnessed our representatives negotiating with their European counterparts will experience an unpleasant sense of deja-vu. Once again the characteristic official attitude—guarded, stand-offish and insular—to new schemes emanating from Europe will result in a system of intervention to whose design we shall have contributed minimally. We should not be surprised if it failed to serve our interests.

But, in fact, these interests are far from incompatible with the proposed parity grid system. For instance, unlike a currency basket, a parity grid offers a stable exchange rate with *each* member country and therefore favours the development of stable trade relations. How many export opportunities in Europe have gone begging due to currency uncertainties? It also removes the destablizing influence of constant competing devaluations between the European trading partners.

The tendency under a fixed-rate system for one country's surplus to force deflation on the other countries will be reduced by the pooling of reserves. The EMF will also give participating countries a means—at present non-existent—of pressing their case on the surplus country. A trigger clause could even be written into the agreement requiring a surplus country to revalue: this would take care of the danger that a rising mark could make all EEC exports and home markets uncompetitive with Japa United States or the dev World.

There are many othe ments which could be d on the same lines. The e fact is that we shou assume that retaining fu pendence—and hamperi preventing the birth of pean monetary system matically serves our ir best. It is too easy for our present defeatist n mood, to sulk in our corn wrong for the Thunde encourage it.

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Further views on opencast executive

From Mr M. B. Nicholson

Sir, Mr Donald Davies (September 12) commits the sin of which he accuses Mr Brocklesby. He has misled his readers most pitifully.

Mr Davies describes Mr Brocklesby, somewhat carpingly, as an "experienced objector" but omits to mention that Mr Brocklesby has delivered a proof of evidence on the fallacious arguments of the Opencast Executive's profitability" on not less than three occasions without being subject to any real cross examination thereon.

On the last occasion (the second Cawker Inquiry) counsel for the National Coal Board promised him that his arguments would be studied and a reply issued.

He has not yet had this promise honoured although the Minister has seen fit to accept the Inspector's Report on the second Cawker Inquiry and the Authorization Notice may be expected shortly.

If Mr Davies truly cannot understand his reference to the financial penalty of the current opencast policy he should read Mr Brocklesby's submissions and ensure that he received an answer to his oft repeated arguments forthwith.

Your correspondent goes on to say that the National Coal Board accepts that "public opinion must be satisfied as to the "need for coal" and "is worked". This is a gross distortion of the National Coal Board's case put to public inquiries.

At these inquiries they cite "Plan for Coal" and "Coal for the Future", a Coal Board and a ministry publication, given ministerial blessing but not Parliamentary approval, as proof of the "need for coal".

They then rely on their own statements of "need for coal" to overcome any opposing argument. Under these circumstances, to say that they have "no hope of convincing the inspector" is incorrect.

In the second Cawker decision the inspector referred to the need for the coal to be acceptance of the National Coal Board's geological evidence as factors governing his decision, despite the unchallenged evidence of Mr Brocklesby on "need" and my own witness's and other objectors' contrary geological evidence. Indeed, the public inquiry procedure is mere lip-service to democracy without any appellate resort.

A further inaccuracy put to your readers by Mr Davies is reference to planning law and procedures. The Opencast Executive proceed under the Opencast Coal Act 1958, not the Town and Country Planning Acts. There is appellate machinery in law under the latter, but not the former.

One may be pardoned for thinking that since there exist the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1948 and the Countryside Act 1968 placing responsibility on each and every Minister of State to have regard to their provisions, all would be well, and the two would monitor the operation of the 1958 Act.

I am not allowed to judge in the case of my interest (the Cawker Inquiry) for the Department of the Environment will not tell me what, if anything, it has said to the Department of Energy, and it never appears at public inquiries but always makes its representations, if any, privately afterwards.

This is not British justice in its generally accepted form. It is the furtherance of an activity specifically legislated for just after Suez, operated through the medium of a public confidence trick, resulting in the wastage of a national asset that should be saved for occasions of real emergency (eg war) in the hope that it will never have to be extracted.

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Way to th future in constructi

From Mr A. Ormc

Sir, As a financial direc what I suppose must be the "soft end" of the bu industry may I respond Tolhurst (September 18)? a great pity that Mr To can write so factually and fully, yet come to such lacious conclusion.

Bearing in mind the building industry very l depends upon contracts to provide work for it ployees, is it not surprisin there is a great feeling security by those at every level, whether on s sitting comfortably in an Of course this tends to b more explicit when one is moved from site to site w much warning.

The premise that seems forgotten is that very few ing companies are in a po to hire and fire employees ticularly craftsmen) just t the requirements of loc contract conditions. An ployer wishing seriously remain in business must tain a stable workforce ing all but the h specialized trades. The are of course covered specialist companies who s be able to offer regular em ment.

The false premise is in as ing that nationalization w provide any form of security. Of course employees would like to the sort of guarantees that PLA were forced into gi the London dockers, the r of which can be seen in terminal illness affecting port which contributed a m to Britain's greatness.

Equality of opportunity b for security of employment for advancement must readily available to employees on the basis of me and the willingness to work a to succeed. This is b christian and socialist, but th is little resemblance to extreme, self-protectionist p cies adopted by those who so far on the left wing as to unable to see the real world which they are supported on which they try to inf their doctrinaire policies.

Health and safety without over prescription of cot wool; guaranteed security w out feather beds and ve curtains; good and fair pay, a good and fair day's wo management that is hon human and reasonable, yet d not shirk from acting resp sibly to safeguard the inter of all for whom it should; these all happen (and be forced where necessary) and construction industry will th and be successful and Brita second largest group employers will have no n to be either at the sharp or soft end of anyone's criticis

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An apology from Inland Revenue

From Mr Nicholas J. Flower

Sir, My complaint, August 2, that the Northern Ireland Tax Inspector held that there was no appeal to the General Commissioners has, happily, led to an apologetic withdrawal from the Inland Revenue at Somerset House. It has now been made clear that, as Mr Lis thought (August 4), people like me, living and/or working in Great Britain, can appeal to the General Commissioners about earned income taxation even if our tax affairs are handled in Northern Ireland. This is usually an easier and more convenient route and, what is more, threatened recourse to it by an average taxpayer is more likely to impress the inspector than if we had to appeal to the Belfast County Court or the Belfast Special Commissioners.

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Making a point to CABIN

From the Managing Director the Economist (Intelligence Unit Limited

Sir, The report which The Economist Intelligence Unit prepared earlier this year, "Public Ownership in the Construction Industries", has been referred to in your correspondence columns, most recently by Mr Armitt of CABIN (September 13) and Mr Wood of UCATT (September 20). Without wishing to enter the debate I would like to make two points clear. First, our report was prepared independently of CABIN and its conclusions are those of the EIU and of no one else. Second, the statistics which are used in the report on safety, as indeed on other topics, are taken from official sources and identified as such in the report.

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Why we should reduce our coal surpluses

From Mr G. K. Wilson

Sir, Mr Donald Davies, Chairman Opencast Executive (Business news, September 12) assures us that the policy of increasing opencast output is profitable; he also says that public opinion has to be satisfied as to the need.

He must surely know, as anyone in the energy industry knows, that the NCB is in an embarrassing position due to over production. The lack of need is clearly demonstrated when the Central Electricity Generating Board alone is holding excess stocks over and above their requirements to the value of £171,700,000 in order to alleviate the NCB's problem.

It is important to note that this 7 million tons of coal is only being stocked; it is not to be paid for unless used. How can it be profitable to produce coal for stocking that no one wants to buy?

It would also be interesting to know how or where the figure of £171.7m features in the accounts of the NCB. Surely it ought to be deducted from the alleged £20.4m profit made last year. Perhaps the Government i.e. the taxpayer, subsidised the NCB to this value so that a book profit could be shown.

In view of the fact that we are now in a period of energy surplus we should obviously be reducing, rather than increasing, opencast mining. Unlike deep mining the opencast mine is quickly established; it would therefore be more sensible to conserve such coal to be used when, and if a national emergency in the energy situation arises. We should certainly not be tearing up vast tracts of land, much of it good productive farmland, in order to create even further massive surpluses at mounting cost to the taxpayer.

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Liability an consumers

From Mr Alastair Macgeorg

Sir, Mr J. W. Lewis of Lewis Co (Fabrics) Limited (Busin News, September 15) charg me with getting my "fe facts wrong" in my letter September 8. Alas, Mr Le has failed to distingu liability in contract, which usually strict and not dep dent on fault, from liability negligence.

I do, of course, know t negligence is a separate tort its own right, and am w acquainted—who is not?—w the snail in the ginger be bottle, immortalized by D oghue v Stevenson in the Hou of Lords in 1932.

Our point, authoritatively e pounded by Professor Diamo in his letter in your colum on September 11, is that it not good enough to requi people who are not buyers have to prove *negligence* befo they can be compensated f injury or loss from a defecti product. We say that the co cept of strict liability, current confined almost exclusively the law of contract, ought be extended to apply to all co sumers.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Hedging against the Ford claim

had simply looked at sterling's closing against the dollar last night—margin- on the day—one would never have ned that the Ford situation had ily tossed the Government's pay policy ht into the melting pot. Yet again, h. the story had less to do with sterling e and much more to do with fresh ness in the American currency. Gold ed $5 to just under $220 and the Swiss continued under strong upward ure.

lier in the day, however, sterling had something of a knock and it was from hat gilts and equities took their lead. often in this type of situation stock ets have been caught in two minds. rity market opinion probably considers Ford could afford to settle above the cent limit, and certainly would do left s own devices. The fear, of course, ly or wrongly, is the possible knock-on t and the fact that on this occasion the rnment appears to have nailed its rs so firmly to the mast.

nac

recasting must tentative

case for viewing Tarmac as a recovery tion after the Nigerian débâcle is now usly weakened by a 37 per cent fall terim profits to £6.25m. At the trading r level this is a fall of almost £4m, and all divisions except construction and ry and building products in France and nany have done well, it suggests a set- of perhaps £5m to £6m by those lem areas.

rmac blames competitive and shrinking :ets and says it is energetically tackling problems of low margins. In construc- this implies that previously negotiated acts from the expansionist phase are ing problems. Meanwhile, German losses being stemmed but France seems to turned very sour.

ie hope is that these figures contain the t of the problems. Tarmac says second- profits should exceed last year's m indicating a £21m to £22m profit for year compared with £24.2m last time. :over, next year wider construction ins could be achieved on a more ious programme while the sound ed Kingdom parts of the business ld continue to forge ahead. The diffi- , however, is first the record, which is both in earnings terms when compared other materials and contracting groups in terms of the number of unexpected lems which have emerged from over- ventures and, second, Tarmac's balance r which was 87.5 per cent geared after Nigerian débâcle which must hamper very.

hatever the theoretical prospects are *nac has become an analyst's nightmare.* ecasts must increasingly be tentative. uncertain atmosphere has been com- nded recently by the sudden news that *d office staff is being cut by 50 per cent* heavy redundancy costs. It appears the £16m Nigerian upset has sent shock es through the group's management *n which it has not yet recovered.*

leanwhile, a yield of just under 10 per t with the shares at 148p provides scant port against his background while even recovery enthusiasts might feel nervous out a prospective p/e ratio of almost ht.

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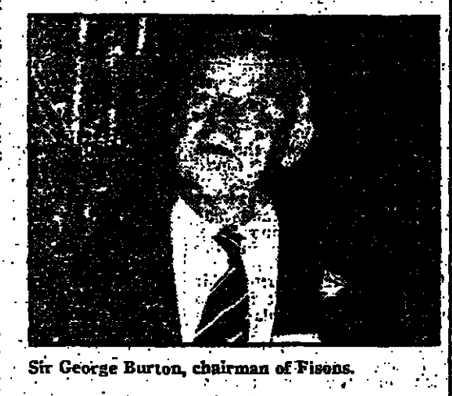
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sons is at a crossroads. The two-fifths provement in pre-tax profits to almost 2m in the first half fell a long way short expectations, knocking 25p off the shares 360p. *And the harsh fact is that if the* oup can do no better than this in what supposed to be a recovery year after two ars of pedestrian progress it raises serious ubts about *its longer-term ability to com-* te effectively in the agrochemicals and armaceuticals worlds.

As it is Fisons' problems are not altogether its own making and it is difficult to see hat it can do rectify things. Recovery in rtilizers, where trading profits moved om £201,000 last year to £3.15m, was less g at the end of last year in front of price rises and a decline in the whole market. True, ICI's ammonia cost advantage has been clipped somewhat but it still holds the whip hand here and it is difficult to see ICI allowing Fisons to rebuild its market share

On top of that the agrochemicals side has gone into reverse, with trading profits down from £3.1m to £1.8m, despite the continuing strong performance of the insecticides Ficam and Nortron though these too have had to bear hefty costs in setting up selling organizations.

And finally the scientific equipment side has also been disappointing despite the



Sir George Burton, chairman of Fisons.

Gallenkamp acquisition, which was intended to iron out the cyclicality of this business. Which leaves pharmaceuticals as the only area to be ticking over nicely at the moment although here too the Intal benefits will soon start to wear off as the patents run out.

Fisons then is finding it increasingly difficult to generate sufficient cash to fund the r and a programme and to judge by the rising interest charge borrowings are moving uncomfortably higher. Earlier estimates that Fisons would make £25m plus this year are now being scaled back to £22m to £23m against £21.2m and in earnings per share *terms these will fall this year following the* issue of shares for Gallenkamp. A prospective p/e ratio of around 7 is still leaning heavily on Fisons' growth record of the *early 1970s which it palpably cannot sustain* in the future.

Insurance

Reflecting on Bowring's plan

C. T. Bowring's proposed link-up with Marsh & MacLennan, the largest United States insurance broker, could be in the melting pot for several months. But it is already clear that the ground rules have been laid for the world's first transnational, if not multinational, insurance broker.

In this respect Bowring's role as the front-runner in exploratory talks may be viewed as both defensive and far-sighted. Bowring, which already has many trading links with M&M, relies for a large part of its operation on placing business emanating from *M&M's reinsurance broking subsidiary,* Carpenter.

Whether this business would have been placed in jeopardy if M&M had not been frustrated in its attempts to gain a firm foothold in London via a takeover of Wigham Poland—a move which was blocked by the Committee of Lloyd's—is debatable.

However, there has clearly been recognition on Bowring's part that in a ferociously competitive business, the major American groups can wield immense power, if only because such an immense slice of world business actually emanates in the United States.

In this respect recent developments like the plans to create an American market along the lines of Lloyd's are significant. International underwriting capacity is mushrooming and there is the possibility that placing operations will eventually be carried out by a few huge multinationals.

Bowring's plan seems to have provided the perfect compromise solution to the Lloyd's problem of how to allow outside interests to become involved in the market without endangering its unique self-regulatory systems.

At the same time the wedge which was created as a result of Lloyd's compromise arrangement with Frank B. Hall over the future of Leslie & Godwin has been driven a little farther.

Ivor Davis

Hollywood: still a money spinner

Los Angeles

"I'm fascinated by the movies simply because it is an enormous machine for making money and, no matter how badly they run it, it still makes money. It's the perfect industry to put your nephew in and your idiot cousin, because they'll be geniuses. . . ."

Mario Puzo, who himself made millions out of Hollywood with his book *The Godfather*, obviously knows what he is talking about. *The past year has* been one of turmoil, scandal and uncertainty in the film industry, yet profits are up and so is production.

By the end of the year, if the trend continues, domestic box office gross receipts for 1978 will reach $2,800m—16 per cent more than last year.

The film industry is just ending its most prosperous summer ever, with the trade paper *The Hollywood Reporter*, noting that in June, July and August box office receipts alone were $800m-$100m more than last year's figure.

Yet if the finances of the companies are looking healthy there have been, behind the scenes, a number of dramas *which have shaken the industry.*

Earlier this month Columbia Pictures was the most speculated about company on Wall Street. The word from some astute financial advisers was "sell", yet the company had just announced record fourth-quarter profits of $16m, or $1.69 a share, compared with *$6.7m or 75 cents a share last* year. (Columbia's net income climbed to $68.8m, or $7.40 a share, compared with $34.6m, or $4.04 a share.)

To understand what has been happening at Columbia, whose recent financial successes included *The Deep* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, one must go back to earlier this year when what became known as "the Begelman affair" surfaced.

David Begelman, a former theatrical agent, head of Columbia's film and television departments, was ordered to take leave of absence after the discovery of financial irregularities amounting to $84,000.

He visited a psychiatrist, pleaded guilty to a minor charge in court and resigned from his post, but not before a big rift had developed in the company.

On one side was Alan J. Hirschfield, Columbia's president and chief executive officer, who wanted Mr Begelman out; and on the other was the powerful board, who favoured keeping him. The board pointed to the fact that, only a few years before, Columbia had been in danger of becoming a parking lot but the position had been reversed dramatically by Mr Begelman's production prowess.

Soon after Mr Begelman left the board dismissed Mr Hirschfield, who has since threatened to lead a proxy fight for reinstatement. Meanwhile, Daniel Melnick, a former Metro Goldwyn Mayor executive, was named to fill the Begelman post and hardly had that announcement been digested when Sy Weintraub, once the producer of the *Tarzan* television series, was brought in as chairman of Columbia, making him in effect Mr Melnick's chief.

Mr Weintraub is a long-standing friend of Mr Begelman and in fact lent him $25,000 to pay back some of his debts. What disgruntled stockholders wanted to know was whether Mr *Weintraub was simply keeping* Mr Begelman's seat warm until the "heat died down" or whether he was part of a new set-up.

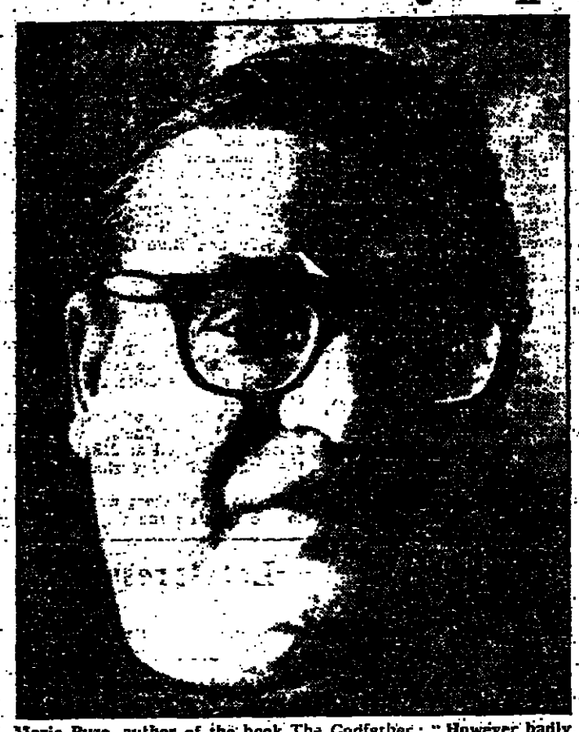
Creative film makers in Hollywood are wondering if Columbia's writers and directors will bolt in this climate of *uncertainty. More ominously,* the Begelman case has led Los Angeles District Attorney, Mr John Van De Kamp, to appoint a special task force to investigate grant and corruption in the film industry.

Through all these traumas Columbia has continued to put *on a happy face last month*, at a cost of more than $250,000 it distributed an expensive, multi-coloured, flashily illustrated book extolling the company's 39 pictures at present in, or that have just finished, production, to 20,000 producers and directors and press and opinion makers.

The frontispiece reads: "In the 53 years Columbia pictures have made the world sing, and dance and laugh. We have frightened and amazed and moved to tears millions of people in every country—and that is just the beginning. . . ."

All this disorder would not have happened in the old days when the film companies were *churning out scores of "formula" films a year and were* run by dictatorial moguls, as their personal fiefdoms. Jack Warner, who has just died, was king at Warner Brothers; Harry Cohn was a "tyrant" at Columbia; and Darryl Zanuck told his board what to do at *20th Century Fox.*

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Mario Puzo, author of the book The Godfather: "However badly they run the industry, it still makes money."

But in the seventies film studios are either a branch of much larger, diversified conglomerates, or they have developed into mini-conglomerates themselves, making a lot of their money outside the picture business. This has led to a sometimes uneasy relationship between corporate headquarters in New York and the film-makers a continent away in the *sun of California.*

Earlier this year United Artists, the film financing and distributing arm of the giant $3,000m Transamerica Corporation (insurance, banking, car rental) was confronted with a crisis. The four top men, Arthur Krim, Robert Benjamin, Eric Pleskon and Mike Medavoy walked out and set up their own independent operation, Orion Productions. They *said that they were disenchanted* with the way Transamerica was trying to take the decisions for them.

Unlike Columbia, 20th Century Fox or Warner Brothers, United Artists does not own a studio, but the exodus represented a substantial loss, in one go, of both deal-makers and the creative heads of the company.

Under the Krim-Benjamin-Pleskow-Medavoy aegis United Artists had won 16 Oscars in the last two years, with pictures like *Rocky, Annie Hall* and *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest.* Left virtually headless, the company has regrouped and is running at present on a legacy left by the previous regime.

It is too early to tell how the reconstructed company will fare, but Orion Productions, with all principals as equal partners, has a $100m revolving budget and nine films in production, or about to go into production in the next three months.

The film studio, as mini-conglomerate, has become a predominant feature of the film making landscape. MGM has turned in enormous profits with hotels in Reno and Las Vegas and very little production big pictures.

Warner Communication, since its huge success *The Exorist*, has depended upon books, records and its highly successful New York-based North American soccer team the *Cosmos.*

Disney Studios, long the most reliable of film money-makers, has not been making much money in films since the death of its chief. This seems to be because the product has not been up to standard, though the shares have continued to climb.

Disney remains one of the top growth stocks because profits have grown at an annual rate of 22.6 per cent and the company earned $82m on sales of $629.8m. But today two thirds of the profits come from the company's amusement parks in California and Florida and it is working on a ski resort in California—so far delayed by environmental opposition—and a "theme park" in Japan.

Like Disney, 20th Century Fox has also moved into leisure parks as well as records; and MCA-Universal, the owner landlord of the world's largest studio, though films and television work are by far its biggest products, runs money *spinning studio tours* and its record and music publishing arms continue to show healthy profits.

Jaws II, with a production and advertising budget of more than $25m, had a slow start this summer, giving Lew R. Wasserman and Sidney J. Sheinberg, chairman of the board and chief operating officer of Universal respectively, a nervous few weeks. But to their *relief the promotion worked* and the film has so far grossed $60m without yet opening in Britain and the rest of the world.

The people at Paramount Studios, the film arm of Gulf and Western Industries (property manufacturing and financial services) are happy with their film operations thanks to the success of *Saturday Night Fever* ($34m) and *Grease* (nearly $28m in domestic returns alone).

Despite, therefore, the unstable start to the year most executives in Hollywood are optimistic about their business—and scoff at Mario Puzo's comment about incompetents being part of the industry.

Frank Price, in charge of film production at Columbia, believes that the whole Begelman affair and its aftermath has been blown up out of proportion. He points to the investigation of the government's General Services Administration now under way.

"Millions are missing there, but that department isn't as glamorous as Hollywood, despite the fact that what we're talking about here is only a few thousand."

Mr Medavoy, part of the exodus from United Artists, who now heads the West Coast production office of Orion says: "I think the movie business is going through a renaissance. You've only to look at the figures to know that it's going to be the biggest year in the history of the business.

"It's not true that there are idiots in this business—it's just that some people are brighter than others—and that happens in every industry."

What hope for the British film industry?

The American film industry may be going through a commercial (if not an artistic) renaissance; in Britain any *improvement in fortunes—and* the talk among film men is more bullish this year—is at best only a temporary respite from crisis.

The fundamental problem in this country is that it is not one industry but two: the first, and much the stronger, is essentially a subcontractor for the dominant American companies; the second, our indigenous industry is a weakling whose *strength is ebbing away with* each year that passes.

In a recent report the Association of Independent Producers, which represents some 400 film makers, put the problem succinctly: "During the sixties, when the Americans supplied up to 90 per cent of the finance required for feature film production, these two industries were inextricably linked.

"So appealing was our home *market and our writers who* wrote for it that the dollar financed many quintessentially British films, such as *Oliver, Laurence of Arabia, Tom Jones, Alfie, A Man for All Seasons, Georgy Girl* and *If . . .*"

But in the past decade, the association says, the domestic *market has shrunk and with* it the basis for financing production for it.

"Established writers, directors and producers have left to work in America and the subcontracted industry in the United Kingdom has almost totally been reduced to that of a 'servicing industry'. The Americans are no longer interested in making films about Britain, as in the sixties, but are using Britain as a production facility."

Meanwhile, the two main British film companions, EMI and Rank are, because of the enormous American market, making films which are inevitably geared largely to United States tastes. This leaves the independent British film producers—who might be regarded as the guardians of the British tradition in films—anxiously watching the indigenous film industry atrophying almost to the point of extinction.

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Like many another business *in crisis the British film industry* has been looking to the Government for help. Much of its faith is pinned at present on Sir Harold Wilson's Interim Action Committee on the Film Industry, and the former Prime Minister's first big contribution has been a report examining the constitution and operating role of a new British Film Authority which would be the government principal adviser in film and the main repository and allocator of public money.

It would take over the powers and authority of the Cinematograph Films Council—which advises the Secretary of State for Trade on film industry matters, such as the so called "quota system"—the National Film Finance Corporation and the British Film Fund Agency.

All of which sounds very promising: the film industry would at last have a single focal point to which it could turn for advice and help—not least financial aid.

But will this jumbo body be any better than its constituent parts? The Government and Whitehall do not have a good track record in their dealings with the industry. The will to sustain a British film industry has certainly been there but somehow the ingenious methods devised to do this have not been altogether successful.

Take the quota system, a post-war measure designed to protect the British industry by requiring cinemas to show a certain proportion of British films each year. In recent years the quota system has become not so much a protection as an irritant.

With Britain's accession to the EEC the protected access of British producers to the cinema screen was severely diluted since EEC films became eligible for inclusion in the British quota. One, extremely visible, result is that the London cinema is now flooded with soft-core pornographic films, many originating in France and Germany.

The present crop of continental pot-boilers (and the similar British productions which have followed in their train) can surely not be what the devisors of the quota system had in mind when they set out to guarantee access to British *cinemas*. The quota returns for 1977 tell their own story: of 126 quota films of more than 72 minutes playing time which were registered only 42 were British, while 84 came from the EEC.

Another key measure devised by bureaucracy to help the film industry was the Film Levy, commonly known as Eady Money, after Treasury mandarin the late Sir Wilfrid Eady, who helped to devise it. Again, the sentiments behind the British Film Fund Agency were wholly commendable.

It was to be a levy on cinema admissions for the benefit of British film production—the proceeds of the levy being distributed to British film-makers in direct proportion to the earnings of their films in this country.

Since the yield of the levy has usually been about £5m a year this "subsidy" was not to be sniffed at. But the Eady money system is badly flawed. There is no provision that the money should be ploughed back into films—which means in theory, and sometimes in practice, that Eady money can be used to pay for the producer's next holiday in the Bahamas.

Worse than this, the regulations governing Eady money are so drawn up that the beneficiaries can be, and often are, foreign companies operating through a British "shell."

But even where the recipient is wholly British the Eady system seems less than satisfactory—tending simply to reinforce success, rather than encourage merit.

What the operations of the quota and Eady money systems seem to demonstrate clearly is that in their dealings with British film-makers the government and Whitehall see the industry almost solely in commercial terms, and that even then they have failed to stop measures that were intended to foster the industry from becoming distorted, so that they now constitute a threat rather than a protection.

There is little understanding of the cultural importance of the medium and it is in cultural terms that the British film industry has always had most to *contribute.*

What the proposed British Film Authority must do if it is to have any chance of success is to correct this imbalance. The British film industry may never be able to rival the American one as a mass producer of *middle-of-the-road* entertainment. What it may be able to do is to raise standards a little. But to do that it must first survive.

Malcolm Brown

Business Diary: Good news bears • Mr 3½ Per Cent

get all kinds of mail in this b: some of it I believe; some do not. With yet other mail, doesn't much matter for, true *not, it contains a good story.* Such is the case with the ntents of a circular I have re- ived from one Louis Stangle, Highland Park, Illinois, who scribes himself as a social orker but writes in his ca- ity as inventor of The Execu- ve Teddy Bear.

"I conceived of the idea", writes, "because I felt in r mechanized, impersonal ciety, people just don't have le time to care any more . . . work, you are only told when ou do something wrong, never hen you do something good". *Possibly from his social work* tangle deduced that what eople needed was teddy bears. he teddy comes in a grey hree-piece pinstripe suit, white hirt and red tie.

As if this were not confi- ance-inspiring enough in a eddy bear, *the toy says* nice hings to you: "You are a born eader". "There is nothing you annot do", and, perhaps most spirational of all, "You are winner, Teddy knows".

Although he had nothing but is salary to put into the idea, Stangle writes, a Japanese firm greed to make the teddies and e was able to buy 2,000 of hem and sell them through mail order. "I must humbly admit though", he says, "I never imagined the success my *little teddy would enjoy or the* excitement he would create".

Now a New York firm is making and selling the teddies and *sales* have exceeded 25,000. They appear in the Sears and Spiegel Christmas catalogues and there are proposals to translate the bears' words of comfort into four other languages. Teddy Kennedy, Stangle alleges, has one.

Whatever else all this achieves *I do hope* it has lessened any insecurity Stangle may have had. The picture atop the circular shows him *clutching not one—not two—* but what else?—three little bears.

■ Leslie Tolley, who takes over the chairmanship of the British Institute of Management tomorrow week, faces a management challenge much nearer home. The Renold power transmission products company, of which Tolley is chairman, has been chosen by the fickle finger of fate to be the ground for the first confrontation between the engineering unions and employers over Phase Four pay policy.

The company's Coventry plant is the first proving ground for a national agreement made between the Engineering Employers Federation and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers last February, which gave guaranteed earnings after the start of Phase Four.

The Government says that any rises based on these guarantees would have to be included in the 5 per cent total limit. Renold says that it can offer only 3½ per cent if it is to keep within the "guidelines".

This has been rejected by the 900 or so employees affected and, having been on strike since last week, they are now pressing for the dispute to be made official.

Tolley, whose view is that his company is a victim of circumstance, told Business Diary yesterday that he saw no point in worrying. The company's pay offer, he said, was in any case based on what it believed that particular factory could afford. He saw little difference whether the dispute was made official or not.



Renold's Leslie Tolley: what, me worry?

■ As I predicted last month Alec Smith is to follow Jack Macgougan as general secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers.

When nominations for the post closed at the weekend, Smith's was the only name on the list and he had the backing of 79 branches. A former presser in ladies' tailoring, Smith will take over the leadership next summer, 20 years after becoming a full-time officer.

His assumption of power coincides with a push by the union for higher wages, better conditions and a radical shift in employers' manufacturing and retailing strategy.

The NUTGW yesterday published its proposals for the survival of the British clothing industry in a highly-competitive international market. The union concedes that modernization and re-equipment are essential to fight imports—at the risk of even fewer jobs in an industry where the labour force has been almost halved since 1951.

Smith is 48 and lives in Ilford, Essex. He is a member of the Labour Party and belongs to the TUC Textile Committee, the Little Neddy for the industry, the industry's training board and several wages councils.



Tailors and Garment Workers' Alec Smith: a good fit at the TUC?

No early departures from present policy are expected from him when he takes over at the end of the union's conference in Scarborough in April. The intriguing thing will be to see whether the new incumbent at the union's Aspley Guise headquarters will retain Macgougan's seat on the TUC General Council—not to mention maintaining the useful flow of tips on dog races.

■ The salaries of lawyers employed in industry went up by nearly 13 per cent in the year ending July, 1978, according to *the latest annual survey carried* out by the recruitment firm Chambers and Partners. The average salary level in July was £10,515.

At the top of the scale senior legal advisers, in charge of legal departments, earned an average of more than £16,500, while the average at the junior end, for legal assistants, was £8,400.

The increases for the last year were far greater than those for 1976-77, which averaged only 3.8 per cent.

The survey was based on information from 155 lawyers in finance, commerce and industry, but did not include any in local government or the Civil Service.

News for Trade Unionists, *the Conservative trade unionists'* paper, quotes Jim Prior, *the Shadow employment minister and the party's "expert" on the unions, as saying: "I have been to the Post Office Union's headquarters at Balham." Now I don't know whether it's a case of one union or one south London suburb looking very much like another to a Tory front-bencher, but the Union of Post Office Workers are under the impression that their offices are in Clapham.*

Ross Davies

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Stock markets

Shares and gilts fall as buyers hold back

There was no way for shares and gilt-edged to go yesterday, save down. As on Friday, dealers saw an opportunity to get some stock on their books and once again their tactics succeeded. But both dealers and brokers agreed the amount of selling was small. It was more a case of buyers, both institutional and private, holding their fire, than of unloading.

Several reasons were advanced for this mood of caution and profit-taking among high-fliers. Gilt-edged especially were said to be suffering from broking estimates of 15 per cent inflation next year and *rising United States interest* rates. For shares generally, OECD pessimism about the economy's growth was also singled out for blame.

Fidelity Radio, just about the only home grown answer to foreign competition and run by Mr Jack Dickman, held their own at 90p yesterday. For the year to next March the group will probably raise profits from £1.3m to around £1.7m, helped by the present consumer boom. But the record profit of £2.2m was made in 1974.

None of this really mattered in comparison with the collision course with Ford that the Government seems to have charted. City sentiment, or much of it, is in the direction of letting Ford do a commercial deal with its men, as it can well afford to do. However, it has no means of knowing how far the Government will go in stopping Ford settling its strike.

Until the Government's intentions become clearer, there is nothing for either equities or gilts to do except drift, possibly for several days. It was of some comfort to gilts that renewed weakness in the dollar took the pressure off sterling. The pound was soft at first, but recovered later. Even so, falls of up to ¼ were seen throughout the list.

The *FT* index closed at its worst of the day. It started with only a modest 2.9-point drop at 10 am, but was eight points down one hour later. At the close the index was 9.2 points off at 509.4.

However, this setback was only one of 1.7 per cent and the number of bargains marked was only 4,988. If there is to be a change of direction, it has yet to come. Meanwhile, fund managers are quick to buy useful lines that come on offer.

Industrial leaders duly went down. ICI slipped 4p to 391p and Beecham eased 15p to 715p. Rank fell 6p to 266p and GEC retreated 10p to 320p.

GKN saw 4p clipped from its price to 285p, Glaxo sank 11p to 617p and Blue Circle shed 10p to 284p.

But not all the 30 stocks in the main *FT* index retreated. Allied Breweries (whose bid for J. Lyons has gone through) held firm at 81p, helped by supporters who see the availability of stock as an excellent buying opportunity.

This distinction of sorts was also held by Boots, which closed unchanged at 213p. But the other 28 index stocks all fell.

Motor distributors were well to the fore on the way down. Among Ford dealers, Harold Perry dropped 9p to 116p and T. C. Harrison slipped 8p to 115p. The rot spread to BL dealers, as shown by the 4½p fall to 127½p in Henlys and the 3p drop to 85p in Lex.

Among component makers, Lucas shed a mere 2p to 320p, while Smiths Industries held its own at 217p. Associated Engineering was only 1p down at 115p, while Armstrong Equipment gave up 3p to 59p.

In engineerings, Tube Investments' share loss of 8p to 394p was representative. Electrical and electronics stocks, hitherto strong as a group, gave up several pence. Racal went down 10p to 322p and Farnell Electronics 15p to 395p.

Bid stocks shared in the gloom. Down went Bambergers, the subject of an "approach", by 9p to 76p, while John Haggas which may lose Dawson as a suitor lost 5p to 142p.

Figures due later this week did not help Vickers, down 5p to 197p, or Eerec, 2p off at 147p. Yesterday's profits news had Tarmac well down at first, but limits on Nigerian provisions left them unchanged on the day at 148p.

Ransome Hoffman Pollard had to concede 1p to 63½p yesterday. The ball bearing group has had a hard time recently and it does not help to have motor industry connexions. The soaring yen has, however, done something to soften Japanese competition and the fall in profits this year from £5.4m last time need not be too severe. RHP could have made around £3.7m this year.

A feeble recovery at half-time had Fisons 25p down at 360p and interim figures not so high as expected had C. D. Bramall 3p off at 88p. Small profits growth left Adwest 3p off at 303p. The Coral Holdings stake in Atlantic City casino operator Hardwicke added 1p to 117p to the shares.

Possible Nigerian problems clipped 12p to 900p at BP and 7p to 566p at Shell. Equity turnover on September 22 was £105.56m (17,280 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, GEC, Bat defd, Midland Bank, ICI, BP, Plessey as well as T. C. Harrison, Harold Perry, C. T. Bowring and Wace Grp.

Latest results

LATEST RESULTS

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Adwest (F)	49.5(42.4)	6.7(5.6)	32.5(29.4)	6.5(5.2)	10/11	10.0(7.7)
C D Bramall (I)	11.59(8.94)	0.74(0.59)	—(—)	1.78(—)	13/11	—(—)
Channel I Int Inv (I)	—(—)	0.10(0.07)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Chambers & Far (F)	11.0(12.3a)	0.12(0.03)	1.77(1.07)	0.49(0.24)	—	—(—)
J E Crowther (F)	—(—)	0.50(0.40)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Fisons (I)	13.2(9.1)	11.9(8.5)	25.7(20.9)	6.0(5.50)	2/1/79	—(—)
Gen & Comm Inv (I)	—(—)	0.19(0.16)	3.6(3.1)	2.6(2.0)	20/10	—(—)
Albert Martin (I)	9.6(8.1)	0.52(0.66)	—(—)	1.6(1.5)	4/1/79	—(—)
Metalrax (I)	8.1(4.6)	0.92(0.58)	—(—)	0.45(0.40)	—	—(—)
Parker Knoll (F)	19.7(17.2)	1.7(2.2)	18.3(25.6)	2.62(2.35)	3/11	3.32(3.22)
Ruo Estates	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	2.0(3.0)	27/10	—(—)
Tarmac (I)	348.9(302.1)	6.2(9.9)	—(—)	3.98(3.57)	16/11	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News they are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a 53 weeks. b Net earnings.

Coral takes in slice of US casino network

By Rosemary Unsworth

Coral Leisure group has joined the American scramble into gambling with the acquisition of a 20 per cent stake in Hardwicke companies for $3.8m (about £1.9m).

The move will enable Coral to manage jointly, with Hardwicke, the former Ritz Carlton Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Hardwicke recently acquired a 50 per cent stake in the hotel, which will become one of eight casinos in the city. Resorts International have already opened one casino.

Hardwicke, which has an annual turnover of $19m owns a hotel, tax and duty free stores, restaurants in New York and Washington DC, safari parks and a chain of 39 restaurants in the United States, Australia and Japan. The group's net earnings were $1m in the year.

Mr Nicholas Coral, chairman of Coral, will join the Hardwicke board. He said the two groups' arrangements "would extend to any other project in Atlantic City in which either company is involved and may encompass other casino hotel operations elsewhere in the United States".

Coral's finance director, Mr David Spencer, said it had no formal, approved plans to acquire any more US casinos.

Movenpick, a Swiss-based hotel and restaurant group which runs the London Swiss Centre, has also acquired $500,000 worth of Hardwicke stock, to be used to finance the Ritz Carlton project.

Engineering does we for Adwest as estate project benefits loom

By Ray Maughan



Mr E. V. Waller, chairr Adwest Group.

Continuing strength from Adwest Group's mainstream engineering activities stands to be overshadowed by the potential contribution from residential estate development.

A pre-tax profit improvement of over 18 per cent to £6.7m after a near 17 per cent sales rise to £49.5m in the year ended June 30, however, owes nearly everything to the automotive and engineering subsidiaries.

While the electrical division was mostly disappointing, Bowden Controls and Sealed Motor Construction—domestic and industrial circulating pumps—performed well and, if there is a caveat concerning the vehicle components division it is that Ford is a major customer and the current walk-out at the American manufacturer's United Kingdom plants poses the threat of considerable disruption if the dispute is prolonged. Automotive supplies account for about 30 per cent of total turnover and the proportion stands to rise to about 40 per cent on the inclusion of the recently acquired Burman & Sons.

The shares dropped 3p to 303p in dull market conditions yesterday and the rating is now firmly in single figures on fully diluted earnings up from 29.4p to 32.5p per share.

This year should see the benefits of the joint residential development operation with Bryant Homes. On completion, the partnership, where Adwest supplies the land and takes a proportion of the profit, will have built on 11 acres o 13 per acre ratio. Conser no profits will be take the scheme is finished. A site at Woodley aero where some 160 to 1 developed acres remain, see some activity soon.

Capital spending, whic been running at an annu of around £3m, is projec rise to a maximum level o £7m-£8m this time.

Shareholders, who i Racal with an 8.06 per stake, are to receive the shadowed net final divid 6.5p per share dividend lifts the total by 29 per c 10p, equivalent to 14.92 *the gross level.*

CD Bramall going well but deliveries crucial

Good progress is reported in the first interim statement from C. D. Bramall, the Bradford-based Ford main dealers, since they came to the market by way of a placing earlier this year. In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits rose by 26.2 per cent to £745,000 on turnover 29.6 per cent ahead at £11.59m. The board did not make a profit forecast for the year, but the first quarter's profits were 27.5 per cent ahead. An interim dividend of 2.65p gross is being paid, which is in line with the board's estimates.

Bramall's dealerships hold a record number of orders for new Ford cars, vans and trucks.

Morgan Edwards on the way back

Prospects seem to be brightening for Morgan Edwards, the *Shrewsbury-based food distribution* group which plunged heavily into losses in 1977-78. At yesterday's annual meeting, the acting chairman, Mr M. A. Grant, said that management was working towards improving the trading position of the ongoing operations and that the plan of action was "proceeding satisfactorily". He confirmed that by the end of the year Morgan would be in a position to pursue opportunities for internal growth and for acquisition.

Associated Dairies see spending rise

The board of Associated Dairies is "cautiously optimistic", Mr A. N. Stockdale, chairman, says in his annual report. There is already a perceptible increase in spending, he adds. Asda's "Superstores", which were in course of development in 1977-78, are now trading. Planning permissions have been granted to ensure a similar number of store openings, both in the current year and in 1979-80.

Wilson Walton Eng move to £883,000

Wilson Walton Engineering on turnover for 1977 up from £10.3m to £15.4m reports pre-tax profit of £883,000 (against £771,000). The profit takes account of the current status of negotiations on two major contracts, the total value of which is estimated at £10.5m. Of this, £8.3m has already been settled.

The company states that the final settlement of the contracts may have a material bearing on the 1977 figures and may lead to an adjustment in the future.

Parcor first-half more than doubles

Paris.—First-half net profits of Societe Parcor, a small pharmaceutical concern, have more than doubled to 15.47m francs (about £1.8m) from 7.54m francs in the similar 1977 period.

The shares, listed on the cash market of the Paris Bourse, have been one of the star performers this year. From a 1978 "low" of 220 francs, they are now trading at 1,074 francs, due more to expectations of the company's longer-term expansion than to anticipated 1978 earnings. Interest in Parcor was aroused by the company's new drug, Ticlopidine, expected to go on sale next year in France and abroad. Its exploitation in Britain and the Commonwealth is to be handled by Imperial Chemical Industries.—AP.—Dow Jones.

Hillards opening keeps up pace

Though the high street price war is not yet in sight, the first 21 weeks of the current year had shown a satisfactory increase over the corresponding period, Mr G. N. Hunter, chairman of Hillards, says in his annual statement.

Hillards, which is chiefly concerned with the sale of food and other commodities through supermarkets and stores, has recently obtained planning permission to build a large store at Selby.

Tighter market puts check on Parker Knoll

A depressed consumer market held back by Government-imposed credit restrictions brought in a 24 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.7m for furniture manufacturer Parker Knoll in the year to July 31.

Group trading profit fell from £2.2m to £1.9m and the fabric as well as furniture division experienced the drop in demand, says Mr Martin Jourdan, chairman. Profit reduction was most acute during the first half to January 31 when the group made £629,000 before tax. The corresponding figure for the previous year was £1m.

Profits from the furniture division were also reduced by the £214,000 cost of reorganizing production control systems.

"Sales were running at record levels in the last quarter as the division began to take advantage of the improvement in our production and selling system", he said.

Textile exports to Europe started to improve as home demand increased with the beginnings of a consumer boom although United States exports are still depressed because of the fall in value of the dollar.

"The performance of Mercia Weavers improved during the second half of the year as a result of management action to streamline production and improve margins. In a stronger market it is currently contributing to profit", he added.

Meanwhile, the group proposes a scrip issue with one "A" non-voting share for every two voting and "A" non voting share.

A final dividend of 3.9p gross has been recommended compared with 3.5 gross last year, and the group expects to "at least maintain the present level of dividend a share on the new capital when legislation permits".

Overall, Mr Jourdan is confident that the current year's results will exceed those of last year, despite the outlook being clouded by the prospect of a general election and conflicting economic indicators.

Briefly

Bid moote as Enalon suspended

Enalon Plastics was porarily suspended at yesterday with its ann ment that it is considerir takeover of a private co "substantial in relatio Enalon".

The Kent-based cou which manufactures and kets plastic components i ing laminated tubes and tion mouldings, said discu were at a preliminary stag agreement would depend number of factors includi accountant's report. There nobody available for com yesterday.

Enalon's pre-tax profits £72,000 for the year to Ju 1977. The board said at interim stage in May this that there had been no impr ment in industries serve the group, and inflation salary rates and other c heads continued to be a n problem.

BLACK ARROW GROUP
Premises at Arkwright Reading, are now to be so public auction, Mr A. Ed chairman, told the annual ing. This followed sugge that the proposed sale pri Edban Properties (controlle two Black Arrow directors) be bettered.

WESTERN AREAS GOLD
Western Areas has Nuclear Fuels Corporatio South Africa (Proprietary) to obtain long-term ur sales contract on behalf of pany. Also decided to spe development of ore reserv uranium-bearing Middle E Reef Horizon.

ROCKWARE—ALIDA
Rockware Group has 178,100 ordinary Alida Pac at 145p a share which, wi 545,000 previously bought market and the 874,000 for irrevocable undertakings to have been received, represen ginally over 50 per cent Alida capital.

INITIAL SERVICES
Of the 10.6m new or shares issued by way of 10.16m shares (96.2 per cent taken up.

GLENDEVON INVST TRUS
Company has made further borrowing of $1.5m for per two years from Septembe Proceeds will be used to $500,000 which matures on ber 18. Balance for further seas investment.

SCOTT BADER-STRAND GLASSFIBRE
Whole of share capital of Glassfibre, largest United dom distributor of glassfib being acquired by Scott leading United Kingdom facturer of unsaturated pol resins.

ALLIED BREWERIES—J L
Acceptances for first pref 92.7 per cent; second pref 77.8 per cent; third pref 96.3 per cent; preferred or *85.2 per cent. Offers uncond* and remain open. Dealings Allied ordinary shares open

CHAMBERS & FARGUS
Turnover for year to M £11m (53 weeks £12.3m). P profit £127,600 (£38,300). Ea a share were 1.77p (1.07p). *dend 0.73 gross (0.35p gro*

J. E. CROWTHER (HLDGS
Pre-tax profit for yea March 31 was £508,000 (£404 Company is controlled by LA vestment Company.

A. Martin first-half disappoints

By Ray Maugham

After a 50 per cent pre-tax improvement in 1977, Albert Martin's profit fall of more than a fifth to £524,000 in the six months ended June 30 comes *as a sharp disappointment. This* is particularly since the level of second-half profits and hence dividend cover revival is unlikely to be sufficient to allow the Marks & Spencer clothing supplier to make full *use of current dividend* flexibility.

Marks & Spencer probably accounts for about 45 per cent of turnover up by almost 20 per cent overall in the first half to £9.68m—and it is clear that *trading here was particularly* difficult in the first quarter of the year. Added to which was the effect of currency problems and weak demand in the French knitwear market—perhaps about 5 per cent of sales—*where customers insisted* on being invoiced in francs. Martin suffered foreign exchange losses of £53,000 pre-tax on forward contracts which includes forward provisions for the second half. Happily, the French market has now picked up and buyers are now willing to take sterling invoices. The optimism of Mr C. R. Martin, chairman, stems partly from a 15 per cent rise in French volume orders for the 1979 season.

His confidence is reinforced by the current upturn in Marks & Spencer's ordering patterns and the continued buoyancy of the British Home Stores, Mothercare and Pippa Dee supplier, Martin Emprex International.

The dividend last year was covered five and a quarter times and the 1978 interim is lifter from 2.239p to 2.5p gross per share. The shares fell 8p yesterday to 92p.

Metalrax buoyant after 56pc opening jump

By Victor Felstead

In line with the optimistic remarks of the chairman, Mr John Wardle, at the annual meeting in May, the group has enjoyed another record first half-year.

On sales no less then 74 per cent up at £8.13m for the first six months of 1978, pre-tax profits have risen by 56 per cent to £923,000. During the last 10 years, pre-tax profits have increased almost sixfold, while turnover has nearly quadrupled.

Mr Wardle is confident that the second half will show a further improvement, but, he cautions, "in view of the remarkably good first half, it would be unrealistic to expect *the improvement in the second* half to be as dramatic as that shown last year". For the full year, 1977, taxable profits jumped by 73 per cent to £1.46m.

Metalrax's financial position remains very strong, Mr Wardle commented. The interim dividend is being lifted from the equivalent of 0.61p to 0.67p gross. On the assumption that dividend restraint will continue, the board will recommend the maximum final payment allowed.

ITT's £74m takeover

Mr Lyman C. Hamilton, Jr, the president and chief executive of International Telephone & Telegraph and Mr Robert E. Schroeder, president and chief executive of Qume Corporation, announced an agreement in principle in New York, under which Qume will become a part of ITT.

Under the terms of the agreement, Qume will be merged into ITT and based on shares currently outstanding about 4.7 million shares of ITT will be issued in exchange for the Qume shares on a one-for-one basis. This values Qume at about $148m (£74m).—AP-DJ.

Carrier rejects Utd Tech offer

Carrier Corporation has unanimously rejected the offer of United Technologies to negotiate a tax-free merger with Carrier and has also expressed the view that United's proposed tender offer for up to 49 per cent of Carrier's capital was not in the best interests of its stockholders.

Mr Melvin C. Holm, chairman of Carrier, said the board is of the view that United's proposal raises extremely serious questions under the Federal Anti-Trust and Securities laws and accordingly Carrier has opened a lawsuit against United.—AP-DJ.

Business appointments

Chloride Gent's new chief

Mr W. Angus Clark has become managing director of Chloride Gent and Mr Hamish Bryce, engineering director.

Mr. G. H. Caines is made a director of Property Security Investment Trust.

Mr A. H. Schmidt-Fellner who was an alternate director to Mr C. O. Eosign Jnr on the board of Roan Consolidated Mines has become a substantive director in place of Mr J. Towers who has resigned from the board.

Mr M. R. H. Smith has been made deputy managing director of Baker Perkins.

Mr D. H. G. Rose will join the headquarters staff of the Thomson Organisation, as group personnel director with effect from December 1. Mr Michael Cudlipp will become director of information from the New Year.

Sir Henry Linnet has resigned as a non-executive director of Glaxo Holdings.

Mr Barry Eagles and Mr Leslie Stringer join the board of The Birmingham Mint, with effect from October 1.

Mr J. C. Mason, group financial controller of Parker Knoll, has joined the board.

Mr Alan Bartleman becomes managing director of The European Printing Corporation.

Mr Tony Griffiths has been made managing director of Mottershead and Smith.

Mr A. E. Roberts is now managing director of Textile Bonding. He succeeds Mr A. J. Chapman, who is retiring.

Mr Raymond F. Miller, general manager of the London branch of Bankers Trust Company and a director of Bankers Trust International, has been promoted to senior vice-president.

Mr George Wells has been made financial controller of the recently-formed process engineering division of WGI.

Mr Peter Jackson, director and general manager Davy-Loewy, has been elected chairman of the British Metalworking Plant Makers Association.

Harmony chief warning on gold price

Johannesburg.—The ability to maintain Harmony Gold Mining's dividend at the current level of 55 cents will ultimately depend on the price of gold increasing at a rate sufficient to offset escalating working costs, the chairman Mr D. T. Watt said in the annual report. There will be a significant profits contribution from uranium production, but dividend prospects will depend largely on the price of gold. Mr Watt noted the mine is a low-grade one and its profitability is therefore very sensitive to cost increases.

The chairman is concerned about the effect on working costs of South Africa's inflation and, in particular, the circumstances which will prevail if the gold price remains at more than $200(US) an ounce.

Options

Activity dwindled on trade options pitch in line the main market. There only 614 deals done, with leading the way with 108. in Courtaulds there were and only one option arranged in BOC. Trading s today in a new series of Tinto Zinc Corporation op with an exercise price of for expiry in November, Fe ery or May. The conventi options market was dull.

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Kidder Peabody Securities

Commodities

COPPER: Cash wire bars gained £8.75, other months put on £9.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £755.50-56.50 a metric ton; three months, £751.50-55.00. Sales, 4,300. Cash cathodes, £725.50-24.50; three months, £743-43.50. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £750-751; three months, £748.50-49.00. Settlement, £751. Sales, 9,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £719.50-20.00; three months, £738.50-39.00. Settlement, £720. Sales, 150 tons.

SILVER gained about 4p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 289.0p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 564.5c); three months 296.4p (578.5c); six months, 304.1p (589.6c); one year 320.0 (612.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash 290.5-90.8 three months 297.9-98.0p. Sales, 40 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 289.4-89.7p; three months, 296.8-96.9. Settlement, 289.7p. Sales, 50 lots.

TIN was easier: Afternoon.—Standard cash, £7,030-35 a metric ton; three months, £6,870-75. Sales, 380 tons. High grade, cash, £7,030-35; three months, £6,870-90. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,020-25; three months, £6,865-70. Settlement, £7,025. Sales, 250 tons. High grade, cash, £7,020-25; three months, £6,855-80. Settlement, £7,025. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,878 a picul.

LEAD was very steady: Afternoon.—Cash, £362-63.50 per metric ton; three months, £368-68.50. Sales, 950 tons. Morning.—Cash, £361.25-61.50; three months, £366.50-66.75. Settlement, £361.50. Sales, 1,500 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £326.50-27.00 a metric ton; three months, £336.75-37.25. Sales, 3,450 tons. Morning.—Cash, £326-26.25; three months, £336.25-36.50. Settlement, £326.25. Sales, 1,500 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £145.50 ($283.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was quiet (pence per kilo).—Oct, 60.75-60.80; Nov, 61.65-61.70; Oct-Dec, 61.50-61.90; Jan-March, 64.20-64.25; April-June, 66.55-66.60; July-Sept, 68.50-68.55; Oct-Dec, 70.50-70.55; Jan-March, 72.45-72.50; April-June, 74.35-74.45. Sales: 15 lots at 5 tonnes; 1?2 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 60.50-61.25. Cifs, Nov, 61.50-61.75; Dec, 62.25-62.75.

COFFEE: Robustas were firm; arabicas were dull.—

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Sept, 1,630-55; Nov, 1,541-45; Jan, 1,444-45; March, 1,560-65; May, 1,317-20; July, 1,290-1,300; Sept, 1,265-70. Sales: 2,362 lots including 43 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): Oct buyer seller unquoted, 185.00, 84.00. Rest unquoted. Sales: 3 lots.

COCOA was steady (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 1,979.50-80.00; Dec, 2,014-15; March, 2,017-18; May, 2,021-22; July, 2,000-2,002; Sept, 1,965-73; Dec, 1,918.50-20.00. Sales: 2,521 lots including 15 options. ICCO prices: daily 171.85c; 15-day average, 170.22c; 22-day average, 165.30c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £1.30 higher at 105.50; the "whites" price was £2 higher at £110. Futures were quiet (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 108.25-08.45; Dec, 110.05-10.10; March, 115.25-15.30; May, 117.25-17.50; Aug, 120.75-21.00; Oct, 123-21.25; Dec, 127-27.45. Sales: 4,311 lots. ISA prices: 8.13c; 15-day average, 8.05c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 113.20-13.90; Dec, 114.00-14.90; Feb, 114.30-14.50; April, 117.50-18.00; June, 118-19; Aug, 117.60-20.00; Oct, 118-22.50. Sales, 39 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures (pence per kilo): Australian (quiet).—Oct, 222-25; Dec, 228-31; March, 236-40; May, 238-41; July, 239-43; Oct, 230-40; Dec, 235-45; March, 242-47. Sales, nil. New Zealand Crossbreds (quiet): Dec, 184.0-86.0; March, 186.5-87.0; May, 188-90; July, 189-91; Oct, 190-92; Dec, 190-93; March, 190-94. Sales, nil.

JUTE was steady. Bangladesh white "C" grade Sept-Oct, $307 per long ton; "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $405.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Sept £91.75 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept-Oct £82.75; Nov £83.75; Dec £85.50 trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter 13½ per cent: Oct £83; Nov £83 trans-shipment east coast. EEC milling: Sept £87.50; Oct £88.60 east coast quotes.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Sept-Oct £101.50; Nov £99; Dec £99.50 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: Sept-Oct £81 Glasgow. South African yellow: Sept-Oct £81 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—English feed fob: Sept £78.00; Oct £80 east coast sellers. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was fully steady: Nov, £79.80; Jan, £82.55; March, £85.40; May, £87.50. Sales, 140 lots. WHEAT was fully steady: Nov £86.85; Jan, £89.60; March, £92.05; May, £94.65. Sales: 150 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending September 21.—Other milling WHEAT: S East, £85.10; S West, no price; Eastern, £84.60; E Midlands, £85.70; W Midlands, £84.50; N East, £85.80; N West, £85.70; Scotland, £86.90; N Ireland, no price. UK, £85. Feed WHEAT: S East, £80.20; S West, £82.30; Eastern, £80.20; E Midlands, £80.80; W Midlands, £79.90; N East, £81; N West, £80.40; Scotland, £85.80; N Ireland, no price; UK, £80.90.

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Cent Scot	Cif	£85.70	£73.30
Cumbs	Cif	£80.40	£75.10

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets for week ending September 23. GB: Cattle 67.74 per kgl w (−0.63). UK: Sheep, 138.1p per kg est dcw (−3.1). GB: Pigs, 65.4p per kglw (no change). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 0.5 per cent, average price 67.50p (−0.60). Sheep numbers up 3.7 per cent, average price 138.5p (−2.2). Pig numbers up 2.4 per cent, average price 66.0p (no change). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 31.5 per cent, average price 68.79p (−0.51). Sheep numbers down 6.1 per cent, average price 135.4p (−0.4). Pig numbers down 17 per cent, average price 64.2p (+0.4).

Prices for Sept 25.—GB: Cattle 67.60p per kg lw (−0.75). UK: Sheep 134.6p per kg est dcw (−4.8). GB: Pigs 65.9p per kg lw (−0.9). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 5.4 per cent, average price 67.47p (−0.55). Sheep numbers up 10.5 per cent, average price 134.7p (−4.9). Pig numbers up 6.6 per cent, average price 66.0p (−0.8). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 25.6 per cent, average price 68.54p (−0.27). Sheep numbers up 8.1 per cent, average price 132.2p (−4.8). Pig numbers up 12.8 per cent, average price 65.6p (−2.3).

Refined silver stocks drop

Washington, Sept 25.—World refined silver stocks declined to 13m troy ounces at the end of August, from 14.6m ounces at the end of July, the Silver Institute reported.

All known refiners in Australia, Canada, Mexico, Peru, South Africa and Sweden, as well as some others in Europe and Asia, had refined silver production in August of 13.4m ounces, down from 16.5m the previous month. *Disposition last month eased to 15.1m ounces from 15.6m in July.*

Wall Street

New York, Sept 25.—New York stock market closed lower today, but was improved from early losses despite spreading interest rate rises.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 0.09 point to 862.35. About 800 issues declined with some 643 higher.

Volume totalled 21,010,000 shares compared with 27,960,000 shares *Friday*.

Brokers said the market reflected continued bargain hunting as well as some hope that the consumer price index report due Tuesday would show only a moderate rise.

The market fell early in part on a spreading increase in interest rates. Prior to the market opening, First National Bank of Chicago raised its prime rate to 9½ per cent from the general 9¼ per cent. Analysts expect the *increase to spread through the* banking industry.

Silver down 2 cents

New York, Sept 25. SILVER futures closed 2.00 cents net lower on nervous profit-taking prior to release tomorrow of the August consumer price index. The selling wiped out earlier gains of 3.00 cents on London gold's rise to an historical $219.50-220.00. Sept, 566.00c; Oct, 568.00c; Nov, 570.00c; Dec, 574.00c; Jan, 578.00c; March, 586.50c; May, 595.40c; July, 604.30c; Sept, 613.70c; Dec, 628.00c; Jan, 632.90c; March, 642.70c; May, 652.60c; July, 662.30c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $6.710 (previous Can $6.604).

GOLD prices fell in late New York dealings after reaching a record high $220 an ounce shortly after midday. Near the close of active trading, the spot gold price for London delivery dipped to $217.50-218 from $218.50-219 last Friday. NY COMEX.—Sept, $218.10; Oct, $218.50; Nov, $220.00; Dec, $221.70; Feb, $225.20; April, $228.80; June, $232.40; Aug, $236.00; Oct, $239.70; Dec, $243.40; Feb, $247.10; April, $250.80; June, $254.50. CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, $221.30-221.80; March, $226.50-227.00; June, $232.50; Sept, $238.50 bid; Dec, $244.00; March, $250.00; June, $256.00.

COPPER futures closed barely steady between 30 and 55 points up.—Sept, 65.30c; Oct, 65.35c; Nov, 66.00c; Dec, 66.60c; Jan, 67.10c; March, 68.05c; May, 69.00c; July, 69.85c; Sept, 70.65c; Dec, 71.80c; Jan, 72.20c; March, 72.90c; May, 73.60c; July, 74.30c.

SUGAR futures were: Oct, 8.58-59c; Jan, 8.95c; March, 9.13-14c; May, 9.30-31c; July, 9.52-53c; Sept, 9.69-70c; Oct, 9.79-81c; Jan, 9.30-70c.

COTTON futures were: Oct, 62.80-85c; Dec, 64.95-5.00c; March, 67.02-10c; May, 68.00c; July, 68.30-30c; Oct, 65.05-20c; Dec, 65.30c; March, 65.90-61c.

COFFEE futures in "C" contract were: Dec, 152.80-90c; March, 141.67c; May, 134.00-40c; July, 129.50-30.00c; Sept, 127.00c; Dec, 124.00c.

COCOA futures were: Dec, 173.30c; March, 171.45c; May, 169.45c; July, 167.35c; Sept, 164.95c; Dec, 161.00c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Oil futures were 0.63 to 0.20 cents a pound lower at the close. Meal futures finished $1.00 to $0.20 a ton lower, about at morning levels. SOYABEANS. Nov, 642-41c; Jan, 649-48c; March, 658-57½c; May, 662½-63c; July, 665-64c; Aug, 658½c. SOYABEAN OIL, Oct, 24.75-25.00c; Dec, 24.25-15c; Jan, 23.95-90c; March, 23.75-70c; May, 23.60c; July, 23.35-40c; Aug, 23.20c. SOYABEAN MEAL, Oct, $168.80-9.00; Dec, $172.00-2.30; Jan, $173.50; March, $175.00-5.50; May, $176.50; July, $177.50-7.70; Aug, $177.70-7.50. CHICAGO GRAINS: WHEAT: Dec, 343-42½c; March, 338-38½c; May, 335½c; July, 321½-½c; Sept, 324c; Dec, 331c. CORN: Dec, 220½-½c; March, 229⅞-30c; May, 235⅝-38c; July, 239½c; Sept, 240½c; Dec, 244½c; nominal. OATS: Dec, 145½-½c; March, 150½c; May, 152½c; July, 152½c bid.

	Sept 25	Sept 22
Allied Chem	38¾	38½
Allied Stores	26¼	26½
Allied Supermkt	2⅞	2⅞
Allis Chalmers	34⅞	35
Alcoa	45⅜	45⅜
Amax Inc	49	49⅜
Amerada Hess	31¼	30¾
Am Airlines	16	15⅞
Am Brands	50⅞	50⅜
Am Broadcast	37⅞	38
Am Can	38⅞	39
Am Cyanamid	28⅛	28⅜
Am Elec Power	22⅞	22⅞
Am Home	28⅞	28⅞
Am Motors	6⅞	6
Am Nat Res	45½	45¼
Am Standard	46⅞	46⅞
Am Telephone	60⅞	60⅞
AMF Inc	20⅛	19½
Armco Steel	19⅞	20
Asarco	15¼	15½
Ashland Oil	44⅛	44⅛
Atlantic Richfield	51⅞	51⅞
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of America	27⅜	27⅜
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	25⅜	25⅜
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	39⅛	39⅛
Bethlehem Steel	23⅜	23⅜
Boeing	64⅞	64⅞
Boise Cascade	30⅛	30⅛
Borden	29	29
Borg Warner	31⅞	32
Bristol Myers	34⅞	34⅞
BP	17⅞	18
Burlington Ind	20	20
Burlington Nthn	43⅞	43⅞
Burroughs	77⅞	78⅞
Campbell Soup	36	36
Canadian Pacific	19⅞	19⅞
Caterpillar	59⅞	59⅞
Celanese	44	43⅞
Central Soya	14⅞	14⅞
Charter NY	32⅞	32⅞
Chase Manhat	33	33⅞
Chem Bank NY	41⅞	41⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	29⅞	29⅞
Chrysler	12	12
Citicorp	26⅞	27
Cities Service	53⅞	53⅞
Clark Equip	36⅞	36⅞
Coca Cola	43⅞	43⅞
Colgate	20⅞	20⅞
CBS	57	56⅞
Columbia Gas	28⅞	28⅞
Combustion Eng	39⅞	39⅞
Comwlth Edison	29⅞	29⅞
Cons Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Cons Foods	24⅞	24⅞
Cons Power	23⅞	23⅞
Continental Grp	31⅞	31⅞
Continental Oil	29	28⅞
Control Data	38⅞	37⅞
Corning Glass	58⅞	58⅞
CPC Intnl	50⅞	51
Crane	32⅞	32⅞
Crocker Int	29⅞	29⅞
Crown Zeller	35⅞	35⅞
Dart Ind	44⅞	44⅞
Deere	35⅞	35⅞
Del Monte	38⅞	38⅞
Delta Air	49	48⅞
Detroit Edison	16	16
Disney	40⅞	40⅞
Dow Chemical	28	28
Dresser Ind	43⅞	44
Duke Power	20	19⅞
Du Pont	125⅞	125⅞
Eastern Air	13⅞	13
Eastman Kodak	62	62⅞
Eaton Corp	38⅞	38⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	17⅞	17⅞
Equitable Life	20⅞	20⅞
Esmark	27	28
Evans P. D.	22	21⅞
Exxon Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Fed Dept Stores	35⅞	35⅞
Firestone	13⅞	13⅞
Fst Chicago	22	22⅞
Fst Nat Boston	30⅞	30⅞

	Sept 25	Sept 22
Fst Penn Corp	15⅞	16
Ford	45⅞	45
GAF Corp	13⅞	13⅞
Gamble Skogmo	33⅞	33⅞
Gen Dynamics	82⅞	83⅞
Gen Electric	53⅞	53⅞
Gen Foods	32⅞	33⅞
Gen Mills	28⅞	28⅞
Gen Motors	62⅞	62⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	18⅞	18⅞
Gen Tel Elec	30	30
Gen Tire	28⅞	28⅞
Genesco	6	5⅞
Georgia Pacific	28⅞	28⅞
Getty Oil	39⅞	39⅞
Gillette	31⅞	31⅞
Goodrich	20⅞	20⅞
Goodyear	17	17⅞
Gould Inc	31	30⅞
Grace	28⅞	28⅞
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	7⅞	7⅞
Greyhound	13⅞	13⅞
Grumman Corp	18⅞	19⅞
Gulf Oil	25⅞	25⅞
Gulf & West	14⅞	14⅞
Heinz H. J.	41⅞	41⅞
Hercules	16⅞	16⅞
Honeywell	65⅞	65⅞
IC Inds	29⅞	29⅞
Ingersoll	59⅞	59⅞
Inland Steel	37⅞	37⅞
IBM	279⅞	280⅞
Int Harvester	40⅞	40⅞
INCO	16⅞	16⅞
Int Paper	44⅞	44⅞
Int Tel Tel	31⅞	31⅞
Jewel Co	23⅞	23
Jim Walter	31⅞	32⅞
Johns-Manville	31⅞	31⅞
Johnson & Jnhn	83⅞	83
Kaiser Alumin	34⅞	34⅞
Kennecott	27⅞	27⅞
Kerr McGee	47	47⅞
Kimberly Clark	44⅞	45
Kraftco Corp	48⅞	48⅞
K Mart	26⅞	26⅞
Kroger	32	31⅞
Liggett Group	34⅞	34⅞
L.T.V. Corp	9⅞	9⅞
Litton	24⅞	23⅞
Lockheed	28⅞	28⅞
Lucky Stores	16⅞	16⅞
Manuf Hanover	38	38⅞
Mapco	34⅞	34⅞
Marathon Oil	51⅞	49⅞
Marine Midland	16⅞	16⅞
Martin Marietta	29⅞	29⅞
McDonnell	30⅞	30⅞
Mead	30⅞	31⅞
Memorex	51⅞	51⅞
Merck	60	60⅞
Minnesota Mng	59⅞	59⅞
Mobil Oil	69⅞	69⅞
Monsanto	57⅞	57⅞
Morgan J. P.	47⅞	47⅞
Motorola	45⅞	45⅞
NCR Corp	60	60⅞
NL Industries	21⅞	21⅞
Nabisco	26⅞	26⅞
Nat Distillers	21⅞	21⅞
Nat Steel	30⅞	30⅞
Norfolk West	25⅞	25⅞
NW Bancorp	27	27
Norton Simon	18⅞	18⅞
Occidental Pet	18⅞	18⅞
Ogden	28⅞	28⅞
Olin Corp	15⅞	14⅞
Owens-Illinois	21⅞	22⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Pan Am	8⅞	8⅞
Penney J. C.	37⅞	37⅞
Pennzoil	31⅞	31⅞
Pepsico	29	29⅞
Pet Inc	34⅞	34⅞
Pfizer	33⅞	33⅞
Phelps Dodge	24⅞	24⅞
Philip Morris	72⅞	72⅞
Phillips Petrol	33⅞	33⅞
Polaroid	50⅞	50⅞
PPG Ind	30⅞	30⅞
Proctor Gamble	87⅞	87⅞
Pub Ser El & Gas	23⅞	23⅞
Pullman	44⅞	44⅞
Rapid American	15	15⅞

	Sept 25	Sept 22
Raytheon	47⅞	48
RCA Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Republic Steel	25⅞	25⅞
Reynolds Ind	61⅞	61
Reynolds Metal	35⅞	35⅞
Rockwell Int	39⅞	39⅞
Royal Dutch	62⅞	63⅞
Safeways	43⅞	43⅞
St Regis Paper	31⅞	31⅞
Santa Fe Ind	34⅞	35⅞
SCM	22⅞	21⅞
Schlumberger	87⅞	87⅞
Scott Paper	18	18⅞
Seaboard Coast	33⅞	33⅞
Seagram	25⅞	25⅞
Sears Roebuck	22⅞	22⅞
Shell Oil	35⅞	35⅞
Shell Trans	46⅞	46⅞
Signal Co	51	52
Singer	17⅞	17⅞
Sony	8	8
Sth Cal Edison	28⅞	28⅞
Southern Pacific	31⅞	31⅞
Southern Rly	54	54
Sperry Rand	44⅞	44⅞
Std Brands	27⅞	28⅞
Std Oil Califnia	46	45⅞
Std Oil Indiana	51⅞	51⅞
Std Oil Ohio	35⅞	38
Sterling Drug	18⅞	18⅞
Stevens J. P.	16⅞	16⅞
Stude Worth	61⅞	61⅞
Sunbeam Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Sun Comp	39⅞	39⅞
Teledyne	98⅞	98⅞
Tenneco	31⅞	31⅞
Texaco	24⅞	24⅞
Texas East Corp	38	37⅞
Texas Inst	88⅞	88⅞
Texas Utilities	20⅞	20⅞
Textron	30⅞	30⅞
TWA	21⅞	21⅞
Travelers Corp	37⅞	37
TRW Inc	37⅞	37⅞
UAL Inc	38	37⅞
Unilever Ltd	46	46
Unilever NV	59⅞	59⅞
Union Bancorp	27	27
Union Carbide	39⅞	39⅞
Union Oil Calif	52⅞	52⅞
Un Pacific Corp	51	51⅞
Uniroyal	7⅞	7⅞
United Brands	12⅞	12⅞
US Industries	12⅞	12⅞
US Steel	26⅞	26⅞
Utd Technol	41⅞	41⅞
Wachovia	18	19
Warner Comm	48⅞	48⅞
Warner Lambert	27⅞	27⅞
Wells Fargo	29⅞	29⅞
West'n Bancorp	41⅞	41⅞
Westnghse Elec	21⅞	21⅞
Weyerhauser	29⅞	29⅞
Whirlpool	23⅞	23⅞
White Motor	12⅞	12⅞
Woolworth	20⅞	20⅞
Xerox Corp	54⅞	55⅞
Zenith	16⅞	16⅞

Canadian Prices

	Sept 25	Sept 22
Abitibi	17⅞	17⅞
Alcan Alumin	36⅞	36⅞
Algoma Steel	24⅞	24
Bell Telephone	61	61
Cominco	31⅞	31⅞
Cons Bathurst	34⅞	34⅞
Falconbridge	30	30
Gulf Oil	33	33⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	6.75	6.75
Hudson Bay Mng	20⅞	20⅞
Hudson Bay Oil	48	49⅞
Imasco	42⅞	42⅞
Imperial Oil	22⅞	22⅞
Int Pipe	17⅞	17⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	13⅞	13⅞
Royal Trust	18	18
Seagram	28⅞	28⅞
Steel Co	31	31
Talcorp	11	11
Thomson N "A"	14⅞	14⅞
Walker Hiram	36⅞	36⅞
WCT	12⅞	12

*e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9800 (1.9730); three months, 1.9627 (1.9560); Canadian dollar 84.97 (85.16).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 379.68. The futures index was 379.59.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 862.35 (862.44); transportation 243.35 (241.58); utilities 103.78 (103.72); 65 stocks, 299.03 (298.75).

New York Stock Exchange index, 57.38 (57.37); industrials 62.75 (62.75); transportation, 48.37 (48.24); utilities, 39.62 (39.57); financial, 61.90 (62.06).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
[illegible] 12% Cum Pfd (10)	14
C.D. 25p Ord (75)	68-3
13¼% Red 1985 (£100d)	£31-¼
Superfonds 20p Ord (55)	83-1
[illegible] Cnv	4 prem-½
Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	90
[illegible] 10p Ord (115)	154+1
Plywood 25p Ord (34)	36

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Band(R380c)	Oct 13	26 prem
[illegible](44)	Nov 10	10 prem-1
[illegible] Petroles (£110)		20 prem
[illegible](255)	Nov 17	36 prem-2
[illegible]Smith(75)	Oct 13	4 prem-2
[illegible]Gp(53)	Nov 10	19 prem-3½
[illegible] Midland (85)	Oct 25	18 prem
[illegible](40)	Oct 27	33 prem-3
[illegible]Knit(42)	Oct 6	4 prem
[illegible] Eng(200)	Nov 8	312r
[illegible](26)	Nov 6	9½ prem-2½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £35 paid.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays Bank	10%
BCCI Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000 7½%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
71	29	Airsprung Ord	70	−1	5.5	7.8	9.2
203	106	Airsprung 18½% ULS	195	—	18.5	9.4	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	45	+1	3.6	8.0	8.2
180	105	Bardon Hill	180	—	12.0	6.7	9.8
143	51	Deborah Ord	141	−1	5.6	3.9	8.7
240	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	240	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	131	+1	12.4	9.4	5.2
153	135	George Blair	153	—	15.0	9.8	5.7
58	36	Jackson Group	55	—	5.0	9.0	6.5
116	55	James Burrough	115	—	6.5	5.7	10.6
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	29.7	9.6	5.1
24	9	Twinlock Ord	20½	—	—	—	18.3
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—	12.0	15.3	—
85	54	Unilock Holdings	85	+2	7.4	8.7	9.1
120	67	Walter Alexander	120	—	7.2	6.0	7.4

DOUGLAS

Civil Engineering & Building Contractors

Salient points from the Statement for the year ended 31 March, 1978 by the Chairman, John Douglas.

- Group turnover fell by 7% to £66 million with a lower trading surplus, but continued investment resulted in reduced tax charges, and the profit attributable to members rose from £1.69 million to £1.74 million.
- The final dividend of 2.5803p net, together with the interim dividend of 0.8805p already paid, makes a total of 3.4608p per share payable on the increased share capital—the maximum permitted.
- The Group has continued its policy of renewing its holding of construction and allied plant, buildings and other facilities and during the year a total of £3.24 million was invested, mainly in the United Kingdom.
- Conscious of the strength we derive from our diversified interests, we look forward to meeting the challenges of the current year and those to follow.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Robert M. Douglas Holdings Ltd., Birmingham B23 7RZ.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar suffered sharp losses on renewed selling pressure yesterday in highly nervous trading ahead of Wednesday's United States trade figures. Dealers advanced no new major factor for the downturn, though citing a basic lack of confidence in the Administration's ability to get the economy right.

The Deutsche mark rose to 1.9420 from 1.9530 on West Germany's bigger trade surplus for August. The Swiss franc advanced to a record 1.4910 (1.5225).

Down to $1.9640 early, on continued worries over an all-out *Ford strike, the pound eventually* reached $1.9775 late before closing at $1.9755, against $1.9715 on Friday. The currency basket level was finally unchanged at 62.8. The yen closed at 187.60 (Friday 188.20).

Gold gained $5 an ounce to close in London at $219.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) Sept 25	Market rates (close) Sept 25
New York	$1.9640-9775	$1.9750-9760
Montreal	$2.3040-3275	$2.3225-3235
Amsterdam	4.19¾-19½	4.17¼-18¼fl
Brussels	60.30-60.[illegible]	60.40-50f
Copenhagen	10.54¼-61¼k	10.60¼-61¼k
Frankfurt	3.82-83½m	3.83¼-84¼m
Lisbon	89.60-90.00e	89.00-90e
Madrid	142.75-143.30p	143.20-30p
Milan	1,618½-30½lr	1,629-30lr
Oslo	10.14-18k	10.16-17k
Paris	8.56¼-67f	8.65-66f
Stockholm	8.64-71k	8.69¼-70¼k
Tokyo	369-73y	370-72y
Vienna	27.70-90sch	27.80-90sch
Zurich	2.93¼-98f	2.94-95f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was unchanged at 62.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.65-.55c prem	1.75-1.65c prem
Montreal	.85-.75c prem	2.05-1.95c prem
Amsterdam	2¾-1¾c prem	6¾-5¾c prem
Brussels	25-15c prem	65-55c prem
Copenhagen	par-2ore disc	2¾-4¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3½-2¾pf prem	9¼-8¼pf prem
Lisbon	50-150c disc	200-450c disc
Madrid	25-125c disc	150-250c disc
Milan	1-3lr disc	7½-9½lr disc
Oslo	3¼-1¼ore prem	9½-6½ore prem
Paris	3½-2¾c prem	8¼-7¼c prem
Stockholm	4-3ore prem	10¼-8¼ore prem
Vienna	17-7gro prem	40-30gro prem
Zurich	3½-3¼c prem	9¼-8¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8501-04.

Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 8¼-8¾; seven days, 8¾-8⅞; one month, 9⅛-9¼; three months, 9⅝-9¾; six months, 9¾-9⅞.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $218.85 (an ounce); pm, $218.40.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $226¼-227¼ (£114¼-115¼); resident, $226¼-228¼ (£114¼-115¼).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $59¼-60¼ (£30-31); resident, $62¼-64¼ (£31½-32¼).

Discount market

Credit conditions were fairly comfortable on Lombard Street *yesterday. However, for technical* reasons the Bank of England was required to assist a *few* of the houses in a small way via purchases of Treasury bills and corporation bills.

Although underlying factors *indicated more-than-ample credit*, the authorities were thought to be quite happy to assist the market in view of the short conditions that are expected today, because of the pay-over to the Bank of England of the £400m plus of special deposits released at the end of July.

Houses paid 8½-⅝ per cent for money at the outset, although the interbank rate got quite tight at one stage, climbing to around 9¾ per cent. Closing balances were taken anywhere between 6½ and 8½ per cent, although the bulk of business was done at 7½ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10% (Last changed 8/6/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 8¾ Low 7½
Week Fixed: 8½-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8¾	2 months	8¾
3 months	9	3 months	8⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅛-9	3 months	9⅜
3 months	9⅛-9	4 months	9⅝
4 months	9⅛-9	6 months	9⅞
6 months	9⅛-9		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9⅛-9	7 months	9⅞-9¾
2 months	9⅛-9	8 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9⅛-9	9 months	10⅛-9⅞
4 months	9⅛-9	10 months	10⅛-9⅞
5 months	9⅛-9	11 months	10⅛-9⅞
6 months	9⅛-9	12 months	10⅛-9⅞

Secondary Mkt. ICD Rates (%)

1 month	9¼-9	6 months	9⅝-9½
3 months	9⅜-9¼	12 months	10-9⅞

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9	3 months	9¼
7 days	9¼	6 months	9⅜
1 month	9¼	1 year	9⅞

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9-8½ Close 8

1 week	9¼-9	6 months	9⅞-9¾
1 month	9⅜-9¼	9 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9⅜-9¼	12 months	10⅛-9⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9¼ 6 months 10

Finance House Base Rate 10%

LME metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper down 5,475 to 425,025; tin down 25 to 1,490; lead unchanged at 42,300; zinc down 150 to 72,400; silver up 350,000 to 18,080,000 troy ounces.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
37.3	24.2	Abbey Capital	35.9	38.2	4.08
50.4	25.7	Abbey General	48.1	51.2	4.05
44.1	29.8	Do Income	42.6	45.3	5.51
40.7	27.8	Do Invest	38.9	41.4	4.05
73.9	50.7	Equitas Prog	70.3	74.4	3.80
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd, Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, EC1 01-588 6371			
80.9	57.4	Allen Trust (3)	80.2	86.2	3.86
73.7	47.9	Do Inc (3)	73.7	79.2	6.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Offshore and International Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex dividend. † Not available to the general public. ‡ Guernsey gross yield. a Previous day's price. x Ex all. s Dealings suspended. y Ex dividend. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. [illegible]

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Bookkeeping, VAT, PAYE Service, Kondal Admin. 01-485 9661.
Cash Registers & Scales, Bush and Hall, Theobalds Road, W.C.1. 01-242 7196.
Centre File Computer Services (Nat West Group). 01-405 8700.
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Clear Drains (Industrial) 24 hr. Service, Freefone 3084. H.O. Marlow 71312.
Couriers Intercity, Express motorcycles, vans. weekly foot messenger hire. Int Freight, Pkts, pcls, Red Star Service. 01-439 9141.
GMC (Middlesex) Ltd. A complete computer service. 01-578 4583.
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David A. Rigley Courier Service, Ely (Cambs) 3020.
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EOS. Furnished offices and all office services. 01-937 9801.
Exhibitex. Packages to Overseas Trade Fairs. 01-568 0032.
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PERSONAL CHOICE



im Shatner, De Forest Kelly and Leonard Nimoy in the ; adventure series *Star Trek* (BBC 1, 6.55).

the same way that one swallow does not make a spring, ame Jonathan Stedall does not automatically mtee a good television documentary. But both ow and Mr Stedall's name are proven reliable auguries hing more, and that is why I shall make a special point tching Mr Stedall's latest programme India : Man's Truth (BBC 1, 10.25 pm). sence, this is Mark Tully's interview with the Indian e minister, Mr Desai—the first major conversation this healthy octogenarian (he drinks his own urine p prolong his life) since he came to power 18 months ago. his film unit also goes with Mr Desai on his travels gh his vast country.

ere are ominous echoes of Mr Coward's advice to Worthington in tonight's ITV documentary (10.30 pm) half a dozen theatre fledglings who have flown the A nest. High hopes crumble. But they are a plucky lot *main and I like the resilient spirit that prompts one of* to say : " It is like going to war : you've got to believe that re the one who is going to come back."

id not know that it was from a 30ft coal seam that the Country took its name, and I expect to glean more uing facts like this from Roots of England (BBC 2, 8.30). for instance, was the Staffordshire chainmaker's lad a er ? We shall hear a song about him, and be told about the ire preacher who condemned his mother because of octurnal habit of taking half a pint of beer.

o of today's radio programmes remind us of the debt ve to two Americans whose songs have become part of our day existence. Gershwin (Radio 2, 10.02 pm) is a collection niniscences and musical numbers, and on Radio 4 at 12.20, Jay Lerner, lyrics writer for shows such as My Fair Lady Gigi, talks about his own life and selects some favourite ds in Desert Island Discs.

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55) ; 6.40, Composer and audience ; 7.05, Therapeutic Community ; 7.30, Solids, liquids and gases.
9.38, For Schools, Colleges (until 12.45). 9.38, Out of the Past ; 10.05, Look and Read ; 10.30, Let's Go ; 11.00, Watch ; 11.47, Going to Work ; 11.38, Craft of the Potter ; 12.05, A Job worth Doing.
12.45 pm, News and weather.
1.00, Pebble Mill : including Dr David Delvin's Medicine Matters.
1.45, Bod ; Bod and Breakfast (r).
2.00, You and Me : for the very young. The story is What Shape is the Gate ?
2.14, For Schools, Colleges (until 3.20). 2.14, Treffpunkt ; 2.30, The Plough and the Stars (part 1).
3.20, Cawl a Chan : Welsh light entertainment.
3.55, Play School : Avril Price's story The Cow Who Jumped.
4.20, Lippy Lion : cartoon (r).
4.35, Ask Aspel : viewers' requests. Guest is yachtswoman Claire Francis.
5.00, John Craven's Newsround : items for younger viewers.
5.10, The Story Beneath the Sands : Septimus Severus, the African-born Roman, who became emperor.
5.40, News, with Angela Rippon.
5.55, Nationwide : news and views.
6.55, Star Trek : conquest by computer (r).
7.40, Happy Ever After : domestic comedy series with Terry Scott and June Whitfield. Tonight's episode is about an amateur production of The King and I.
8.10, Dallas : family feuding in Texas. Can an impending baby help to heal the rift ?
9.00, News, with Angela Rippon.
9.25, Off to Philadelphia in the Morning : final part of the story of Welsh composer Joseph Parry. The scene shifts to Aberystwyth where Parry makes a strong impact on university life.
10.25, India — One Man's Truth : Morarji Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, is interviewed by Mark Tully, the BBC's man in the subcontinent (see Personal Choice).
11.20, Tonight : Welsh rugby stars Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies talk about their careers.
12.00, Weather, Regional News.
BBC 1 Variations : SCOTLAND : 9.38 am, Geography for Secondary 1 and 11. WALES : 10.00 am, Hyn o Fyd ; 6.55 pm, Heddiw ; 7.10, Glas y Dorlan ; 12.01 am, Snooker ; 12.11, News.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.30) : 6.40, Technology and Participation in China ; 7.05, Neural Modelling.
11.00, Play School (same as BBC 1, 3.55)
4.55, Open University (until 7.00) : 4.55, White Collar Workers ; 5.20, Why Comparative Politics ? 5.45, The Reasonable Militant ; 6.10, The Changeling ; 6.35, The Nucleus.
7.00, News, with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.05, Digame : Spanish for beginners. Curtain-raiser for the course which begins tomorrow.
7.30, News and weather.
7.35, Expert Opinion : The theme is: Housing—Are we Getting it Right ? The team : Christine Whitehead, Centre for Environmental Studies ; Colin Ward, Town and Country Planning Association ; Mark Boleat, Building Societies Association.
8.00, One More Time : a sequence of songs which bridge the generation gap.
8.30, Roots of England : the Black Country, then and now (see Personal Choice).
9.00, Roots : part two of Alex Haley's best-selling saga of an American family. Sold to a tobacco farmer, Kunta Kinte the slave tries to escape.
10.35, Floodlit Rugby League : an all-Yorkshire clash between Castleford and Wakefield Trinity. Eddie Waring introduces highlights from the game from Wheldon Road.
11.15, News and weather.
11.30, The Old Grey Whistle Test : guests in the rock show are Californian songwriter Stephen Bishop and the Scottish-based band The Rezillos.

THAMES

9.30, For Schools (until 12.00) :
9.30, Seeing and Doing ; 9.47, Reading with Lenny ; 10.00, Believe it or Not ; 10.18, It's More Life ; 10.40, Facts for Life ; *11.05*, Leapfrog ; *11.22*, Lock Around ; 11.39, The Land.
12.00, Chorlton and the Wheelies : the Wheelies become musicians (r).
12.10 pm, Hickory House : another programme for younger viewers.
12.30, Home-made for the Home : How to make candles and how to work with resin to preserve dried wild flowers.
1.00, News, with Peter Sissons.
1.20, Thames News : local round-up.
1.30, Crown Court : a new case begins. A Greek-Cypriot is accused of a knife attack on a Turkish-Cypriot.
2.00, After Noon : Nicholas Georgiadis designs clothes for the ballet, opera, theatre and films. He bring some of his work into the studio.
2.25, Born and Bred : repeat of the second play in Douglas Livingstone's series about a South London family. Today : wedding plans.
3.20, Heart to Heart : Colin Morris talks about his homosexuality.
3.50, The Sullivans : drama series set in Australia during the last war. Today there are to be family farewells.
4.20, Get it Together : pop music show. Guests include Suzi Quatro and Mike Moran and his Band.
4.45, Magpie : Mick Robertson interviews Spike Milligan.
5.15, Emmerdale Farm : some strange qestions about Annie and Joe Sugden.
5.45, News.
6.00, Thames at Six ; local roundup.
6.35, Crossroads : Bad news for Miss Tatum.
7.00, Father Dear Father : Patrick is expecting to be interviewed by a journalist, but *an escort agency lady turns up* instead.
7.30, Star Games : the final of the athletics competition in which show business people take part.
8.15, Selwyn : holiday camp comedy, with Bill Maynard.
8.45, Disraeli : the series ends on a note of diplomatic triumph for Dizzie.
10.00, News.
10.30, Who Zat Kid ? The first six months in the lives of six young actors after leaving RADA (See Personal Choice.)
12.00, Lou Grant : newspaper series. Drama about a jumbo jet in trouble over Los Angeles.
12.55 am, Close : Sibelius music over pictures of Finland.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather.
6.10, Farming Today.
6.30, Today.
8.45, Antigua, Penny, Puce (2).
9.00, News.
9.05, Tuesday Call.
10.00, News.
10.05, Flight Deck Fantasy.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Story : Mrs Vincent.
11.00, News.
11.05, Play: Crime on the Knock.
12.00, News.
12.02, You and Yours.
12.20, Desert Island Discs.
1.00, World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, The Lady of the Camellias.†
4.00, News.
4.05, Gardeners' Question Time.
4.35, Story: Jane and Prudence (7).
5.00, PM Reports. News magazine.
5.40, Serendipity.†
6.00, News.
6.30, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.†
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, Time for Verse.
7.30, Sounds Natural. Henry Longhurst.†
8.00, Schumann Concert. As Radio 3.†
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, News Quiz.†
11.00, Book at Bedtime: Rogue.
11.15, The Financial World Tonight.
11.30, News. Weather Report.
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Regional News, weather at 6.30 am, 7.50 am, 12.55 pm and 5.55 pm. Schools, 9.40 am, 10.45 am and 2 pm.

Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, Overture: Mozart, Beethoven, Weber.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Concert: Bach, Purcell, Moszkowski, Grainger, Milhaud, Lyapunov.†
9.00, News.
9.05, Schubert.†
9.50, Camerata Lysy: CPE, J. C. Bach, J. S. Bach.
11.20, Bristol University Summer Music Festival: Buxtehude, Warren, Brahms.†
12.10 pm, Cardiff Prom, part 1: Mendelssohn, Prokofiev.†
1.00, News.
1.05, The Arts Worldwide.
1.20, Cardiff Prom, part 2: Fricker, Mozart.†
2.10, Music at St George's Bristol : Beethoven, Martinu.†
3.10, Leeds International Piano Competition 1978.†
4.10, Symphonies from the North: Kokkonen, Holmboe.†
5.15, Jazz.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.
6.05, News.
6.10, Homeward Bound.
6.30, Lifelines.
7.30, Marx and Spohr.†
8.00, Schumann Concert, part 1.†
8.45, That Last Cross Buttock Dish'd Me. Talk, Stanley Wells.
9.05, Schumann Concert, part 2.†
9.50, Still Point: Portrait of Ronald Gregor Smith.†
10.25, A Neglected Bohemian, Zelenka.†
11.15, Unaccompanied Cello: Huber, Dittrich, Zimmermann.†
11.45, News.
RADIO 3 VHF: 6.00-7.00 am and 5.45-7.30 pm, Open University.

Radio 2

5.00 am, News, weather.
5.02, Tony Brandon.
7.32, Terry Wogan† including racing bulletin at 8.27.
10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk.
12.30, Pete Murray's Open House.†
2.30, David Hamilton.†
4.30, Waggoners' Walk.
4.45, Sports.
4.47, John Dunn.†
6.45, Sports.
7.02, Folk '78. The Spinners in Concert with John McCormack.(†)
7.30, On the Third Beat. BBC Scottish Radio Orchestra(†).
8.02, Nordring Festival '77.†
8.30, Boxing : John Conteh v Richie Kates and Charlie Magri v Claudio Tanda.
10.02, Gershwin (see Record Choice).
11.02, Brian Matthew introduces Round Midnight.
12.00, News, weather.

Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.02, Dave Lee Travis, including the Golden Hour and Meet Your Match. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Peter Powell, including the National Pop Panel. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.30, On the Third Beat (joins Radio 2).† 8.30 as VHF. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2 : 5.00 am, With Radio 2. 8.30 pm, Nordring Festival (cont. from Radio 2, 8.02).† 8.50, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.55, Sports. 10.00, With Radio 1. 12.00, With Radio 2.

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REGIONAL TV

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. North-east news, weather. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, North-East news, Lookaround, weather. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Tell Me Why. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Epilogue. 12.05 am, Close.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.18, Ulster News. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, Mary Tyler Moore Show. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 10.30, Documentary. 11.15, Bedtime. 11.25, Close.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News and Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day, Southsport. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Southern News. 12.10 am, Weather. Prison to Pulpit and Close.

Westward

9.30 am Thames. 12.27 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, Westward News. 1.25, West at 1.30. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, The Practice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Survival. 7.30, Thames. 10.28, News. Weather. 10.30, Thames. 12.00, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 12.40 am, Faith for Life. 12.45, Close.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Calendar Tuesday. 5.15, You're only Young Twice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 10.30, Travels with a Donkey. 11.30, Bob Newhart. 12.00, Close.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25, pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 5.15, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Survival. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Police Surgeon. 12.25 am, I Believe, Close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, University Challenge. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Kodiak. 12.30 am, Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther. 6.35, Thames. 12.00, Reflections. 12.05 am, News. 12.10, Close.

Channel

9.30 am, Thames. 1.13 pm, News, What's On, Weather. 1.25, Born and Bred. 3.20, Thames. 5.15, The Practice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Survival. 10.28, News, Weather. 10.32, Thames. 11.30, Pro Celebrity Snooker. 12.10 am, French.

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, TV Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.55, The Electric Theatre Show. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Something Different. 12.15 am, Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Johnny Quest. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Lookaround Tuesday. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Skiing with Gina. 12.30 am, News, Weather. 12.33, Close.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Report West Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 6.00, Report West. 6.30, Survival. 7.00, Definition. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Weather, Close.
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Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, News, weather. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Batline. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, What's your problem ? 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 12.00, Late Call. 12.05 am, Big Break. 12.35, Close.

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BURNETT.—On September 22nd, at University College Hospital, to Prudence (nee Norton) and Richard—a daughter (Jessica Louise).
CARLISLE.—On Friday, 22nd September, at John Radcliffe Hospital, to Ming (nee Gellatly) and Marcus—a daughter (Amy).
CARLISLE.—On the 24th September, in Oxford, to John and Susan—a son Edward Thomas Harwood), brother for Piers and nephew for Lois Bodger, on her birthday.
COMPTON.—On September 24th, at Guy's Hospital, to Jenny and Peter—a daughter (Katharine Elizabeth).
DICKINSON.—On Sept. 21, at West Wales Hospital, Carmarthen, to Andrew and Libby—a daughter (Rosamund Frances), a sister for Sam and Llewellyn.
FAIRCLOUGH.—On 21st September, to Caroline (nee Latta) and Oliver—a daughter (Mary).
FULLER.—On 22nd Sept., 1978, at Heath Road, Ipswich, to Geraldine (nee Fitzroy) and Richard—a son (Joshua).

BIRTHS

GEORGE.—On September 23rd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Helen (nee Sinclair) and Richard—a daughter.
HAMILTON.—On September 21st at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Patricia (nee Hibbert) and Edward—a daughter (Alexandra Eleanor Benedicte).
HARRINGTON.—On September 22nd, to Lisa (nee Paterson) and Clive—a son (Thomas Alexander), a brother for Ann.
HAWKER.—On Sept. 23rd, to Sarah (nee Wilson) and John—a daughter.
HINCHLIFFE.—On September 25th, at Harrogate General Hospital, to Sandra and Stephen—a daughter (Laura Jane).
HOWARD.—On September 20th at Queen Charlotte's to Jackie (nee Stretham) and John—a daughter (Rebecca).
INGLEBY.—On September 24th to Tess (nee Spencer Nairn) and John—a daughter (Kim Louise).
KINSELLA.—On Sept 25th at Lewisham hospital to Karin (nee Ricchero) and Paul—a daughter (Antonella).
MICKLETHWAIT.—David and Lucy (nee Curtis) are proud to announce the birth of a son on 6th of September, 1978.
MONAGHAN.—On 19th September, to Marnee and Terry at Groundslow Hospital, Staffordshire—a son (Dominic).
MORGAN.—On September 24th, at Guy's Hospital, to Anita (nee Richardson) and Robert—a son (William Ioan James).
MOUNT.—On September 21st, in Canterbury, to Martha (nee Emeleus) and John—a son.
NKAVOYANNIS.—On 21st September to Anthea and Bill—a son (Konstantinos).
RICHARDSON.—On 20th September, at Deauville, France, to Mimi and Tim—a son (Thomas David Frederic).
RICKARDS.—To Trisha and Tony on 21st Sept. 78—twin daughters (Antonia Jane and Sophie Anne), at University College Hospital.
SCOTT.—On Sept 24th, at Burton District Hospital, to Fiona (nee James) and Tim—a daughter.
SPEKER.—On September 25rd, at Princess Mary, Newcastle upon Tyne to Paga and Barry—a son (Robert James), a brother for Sarah.
VAN DAN DRIESEN.—On 21st September, to Anthea and Bill Nkavoyannis—a son (Konstantinos).
VESTEY.—On September 22nd, in London, to Kate, wife of Lord Vestey—a daughter (Flora Grace)—a sister for Saffron.

BIRTHDAYS

MELANIE.—Happy birthday. Love from Mummy, Daddy and brother Mark.

MARRIAGES

WOODRUFF : KOLLER.—Geoffrey Harold Addison to Karla Elizabeth, at Stoke Newington register office, on Sept 21st.

SILVER WEDDINGS

HYETT : WILSON.—On September 26, 1953, at St. Hilda's, Crofton Park, Nelson to Eileen. Now at 30 Copse Avenue, West Wickham, Kent.

DEATHS

ABERCROMBIE.—On 25th September, peacefully, in Haslar Hospital, George Francis, V.R.D., M.A., M.D., aged 83 years, Surgeon Captain, R.N.V.R., retired, devoted husband of Maria, much loved father and grandfather. Formerly in general practice in Hampstead. Cremation private. No flowers.
BAILLIE-GROHMAN.—On September 23rd, at home, 6 St. Martin's Square, Chichester, Vice-Admiral H. T. (Tam) Baillie-Grohman, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., beloved husband of Evelyn and father of Peter and Michael. Funeral service at noon on Wednesday, September 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Sidlesham, near Chichester.
BRIDGE.—On 22nd September, 1978, Peter Sadler Bridge, M.A., BSc, MRCVS, DVSM, of Pryors Close, Borton Cambs. Aged 59 yrs, beloved husband and friend of Kay. Father of David, Sue, and Simon, also a dear grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service at a later date.
BUTTON.—On September 23rd in hospital after a road accident, Benjamin Holt, aged 16, of Bradfield College, who had courageously overcome recent operations; dearly loved son of Shirley and Roger and brother of Rupert and Stephany, of the Old Stores, Ashampstead, Berks, and lately of Canonbury. Enquiries to Lovegroves, Reading 52016.
CAMERON.—On September 22nd, at Weybridge Hospital, Allan Alexander Cameron, DSO and Bar, MC and Bar, TD, beloved husband of Agnete and father of Julian, Andrew, Angus, Sandra. Family funeral 2.15 pm. Christ Church, Virginia Water, September 28th. Flowers to J. Burke, Sunninghill. Memorial service in London to be announced later.
CLARKE.—Suddenly, on September 22nd, Selwyn Noel Wilson, of 41 Campden Hill Square, husband of Joy and father of Felicity and Alexandra. Family funeral held yesterday at Brighton.
COPE.—On 25th September, 1978, at his home at Bishop's Stortford, peacefully, in his sleep, after a long illness. John Arthur, husband of Alma, aged 68.
COSGROVE.—On September 23rd at Frimley Park Hospital, after a long illness, Martin Charles Cosgrave. Cremation at Park Crematorium, Aldershot, on Wednesday, 27th September, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to "Talking Books for the Blind", enquiries to E. Finch and Sons Ltd. 0252 22051.
COX.—On Sunday, 24th September, Frank Ernest Cameron, of Sparrow Hall, Titchwell, Brancaster, Norfolk. Peacefully, after a short illness. Husband of Elizabeth and father Oliver, Christopher and Virginia. Funeral Burnham Deepdale Church, at 3.30 pm on Thursday, 28th September.
DANIEL, MAY.—On September 23rd, of 20 Grantchester Road, Cambridge, in her 98th year. Widow of Arthur Trevelyan Daniel. Peacefully at the Evelyn nursing home, Cambridge. Dearly loved. Service at St Marks Church, Cambridge, at 2.15 pm. Friday, 29th September. Cremation private. No flowers, please.
DE FOSSARD.—On Sept. 12th in Salisbury, Rhodesia, after a short illness. Charles Alfred Bernard, aged 74, father of Isabel, Ronald and Noel and brother of Alex.

DEATHS

DUFF.—On September 23rd, 1978, Lt.-Commander Douglas Valder, D.S.C., peacefully, at Dorset County Hospital. Cremation at Weymouth, on Thursday, September 28th, at 12.30 p.m. No flowers, by request. Donations may be made to The Shipwrecked Mariners Society, No. 1 North Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex.
EVERETT.—On 24th September, 1978, aged 81 years, Arthur Goddard, of 74 Elmfield Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, dearly loved husband of the late Mary Louise and father of Dorothy, Margaret and Eleanor. Funeral service at Newcastle Crematorium, on Thursday, 28th Sept., 1978, at 3 p.m.
FILDES.—On September 24th, Marjorie (Margel), wife of the late Denis Fildes, Commander, R.N., and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. C. C. McKay, of Boree, Walcha, N.S.W. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium, on 28th September, at 3 p.m. No flowers please, but donations, if wished, to the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, 60 West Smithfield, E.C.1.
FORRES.—On September 22nd, 1978, John Archibald Harford Williamson, third Baron Forres of Glenogil, peacefully at his home in Scotland. Dearly loved father of Alastair, Juliet and Astrid, and loved brother of Jean. Funeral at Tannadice Parish Church Angus, at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 28th. All friends welcome. Family flowers only; no letters, please.
FOWLE.—On 23rd September, 1978, peacefully, Reginald George (Kip), of Holland Villas Rd., W.14. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium, 3.45 Friday, 29th September. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to St. Andrews Hospital, North Hampton.
FOX.—On Saturday, 23rd September, after a short illness, Peter Bruce of Lowward Whitchurch, Tavistock. Dearly beloved husband of Penny and father of Hazel, Judy and Jenny. Cremation Wednesday, 27th Sept., 2 p.m. Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, for family and close friends. No letters, please. Family flowers only.
FYFE.—On 23rd Sept in Ottawa after 2 months illness, Maurice H Fyfe, QC, aged 69, dear husband of Frances (nee Clark).
HARE.—On September 23rd, 1978, peacefully, at home, Constance Alice, widow of Comm. F. T. Hare, R.N. Funeral at the Unitarian Church, Bridport, on Friday, September 29th, at 1.45 p.m. Cut flowers only, please.
HILLIARD, BRENDAN JOSEPH (Bea).—Suddenly, at St. Stephens Hospital, London, on 21st September. Deeply regretted by his brother, sister-in-law, nephews and friends. Remains arriving at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Marylebone, 4 p.m., Wednesday. Funeral after 10 a.m. Mass, Thursday, to St. Marylebone Cemetery, East Finchley. No flowers please, by request.—R.I.P.
HOARE.—On September 23rd, 1978, suddenly, but peacefully, at his home, 66 Church Road, Hassocks, Sussex. The Reverend John ("Jack") N. Hoare, aged 72. Memorial Service at St. Andrews Church, Burgess Hill, on Saturday, September 30, at 3 p.m. No flowers, but donations, if desired, may be sent to C.M.S. or Christian Aid.
HOLMAN, PATRICIA, on 24th Sept., wife of Ambrose, at her home, Kingshill Lane, Compton Martin. Cremation at South Bristol crematorium, Wednesday, 27th September, at 3 p.m. Family flowers.
JAMES, WILLIAM OWEN.—Formerly Professor of Botany, Imperial College, London, on September 15th, 1978, suddenly, at Wellington, New Zealand, Bill, dearly loved husband of Gladys. Loved father of Daphne and David Dunlin, Anne, and the late Doug McCready and grandfather of Mary-Ellen, Miles, Elizabeth and Richard. Privately cremated at Wellington, New Zealand, September 20, 1978. E. Morris Jnr. Funeral Directors.
LIGHTFOOT.—Marjorie Ethel (nee Munro) beloved wife of W. G. N. Lightfoot, CBE (late of Northern Rhodesia), passed away peacefully at Grahamstown, South Africa, on September 5th.
LIPSEY.—On September 23rd, 1978, peacefully at Worthing Hospital in his 84th year, Doctor Jack Lipsey late of Littlehampton, beloved husband of Dorothy. Funeral Worthing crematorium Findon on Wednesday, 27th September at 4.30 p.m. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for St Bridgets, Cheshire Home, may be sent c/o F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Littlehampton 3839.
LLOYD-JOHNES.—On Friday, September 22nd, suddenly, while on holiday, John Walter Ferlex, of Lower Hill Farm, Prestbury, Cheltenham, formerly of Dolaucothi, Carmarthenshire. Funeral service will take place at Great Witcombe Church, nr. Gloucester, on Thursday, September 28th, at 2.30 p.m.
McAVOY.—On 22nd September, 1978, after a long illness, Lieutenant Colonel John McAvoy MBE of Kingsgate Castle, Broadstairs, beloved husband of May, father of Brian and Michael. Requiem Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 29th September. Flowers to Blackburns Funeral Service, Thanet 60897.
McKINNELL.—On 23rd September, 1978, in hospital, William Barrowman McKinnell (Barrie), aged 55 years, of 14 Beresford Drive, Leicester. Dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Colin and Andrew. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Knighton, Leicester, on Thursday, at 12 noon. Cremation following at the Gilroes Crematorium, Leicester. Family flowers only. Any donations to the National Kidney Research Fund, 184b Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex.
MITCHELL, DENNIS GEORGE.—On September 25th, 1978, at the Royal Free Hospital, after a long illness, courageously fought, beloved husband of Jean and father of Margaret and John. Fortes et fidelis. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 27th September. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Liver Research, c/o Professor Sherlock, at Royal Free Hospital, N.W.3.
PAYNE BEST.—On 21st Sept. 1978 Capt. Sigismund Payne Best O.B.E. in his 94th year, peacefully in his home, 18 Lickhill Road, Calne, Wilts., dearly loved husband of Bridget. His life was devoted to serving others and his body has been donated for medical research at his own request.

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RICHARDS.—On Friday, 22nd Sept., at St. Christopher's Hospice, Stephen, dearly beloved husband of Sheila, father of Catherine, Sarah, Charles and Emma, and son of Dick and Margaret. Service 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, 28th Sept., at the Church of the Ascension, Dartmouth Row, Blackheath. Flowers, simple please, to Chappells, Belmont Hill, Lewisham.
ROBINSON.—On Sept. 23, 1978, suddenly, at 31, Henley St., Lincoln, John Antony Robinson, aged 65 years. Funeral service at Lincoln Cathedral, 3.30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 27. Enquiries to Priestley & Cockett Ltd., Tel. Lincoln 20606.
ROE.—On Friday, Sept. 22 at Lisle Cottage, Rupert Lane, Henley on Thames, W. Nichols, MC, beloved husband of Anne (Betty), formerly housemaster at Eton College. Funeral private, followed by cremation at East Hampstead, Nr Bracknell, on Tues., Sept. 26th at 3 p.m. No flowers, please.
ROSS.—On 21st Sept. 1978, very suddenly, whilst on holiday in Edinburgh, Colin Malcolm Ross, C.A., of Pinner, Middlesex. Very dearly loved husband of Freda and father of Ian and Sheila. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip East Chapel, on Wed. 27 Sept., 1978, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 555A, High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 2DW.
SEDGWICK.—On Sept. 20th, at Falmouth, Louise do Lacey, of South End Cottage, Orleans Rd., Twickenham. Beloved mother of Elizabeth.
STEER.—On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 1978, at St Richards Hospital, Chichester, Doctor Francis W. Steer, MA, FSA, Maltravers Herald Extraordinary. Dear husband of Mabel, father of Geoffrey. Funeral private and, please, no flowers or letters. A memorial service will be announced later.
WILKINSON, FRED, O.B.E., M.A.—On 24th September, 1978, aged 87, Headmaster of Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, from 1937 to 1957. No flowers, by request. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, 11 a.m., Friday, 29th September. All enquiries to T. H. Sanders and Sons Ltd., 447 Upper Richmond Rd., West, S.W.14 (01-876 4673).
WINTER.—On September 23rd, at Bromsgrove General Hospital, Peter Esmond, of Redhouse Farm, Stoke Works, Bromsgrove, beloved husband of Muriel and dear father of Linda, Anne, Michael and Jane. Funeral at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Catherine, Droitwich, at 12 noon Thursday, September 28th. Family flowers only, but donations, please to The Friends of Bromsgrove General Hospital, c/o. W. F. Russell, Midland Bank Ltd., High St., Bromsgrove.
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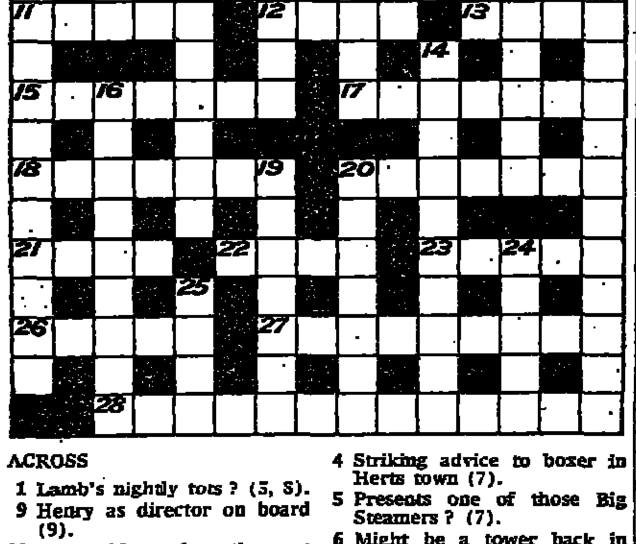
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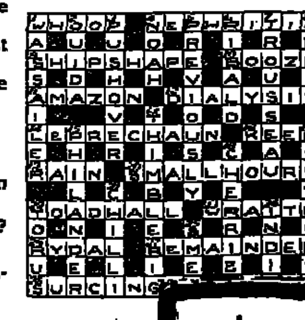
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ACROSS
1 Lamb's nightly tots ? (5, 8).
9 Henry as director on board (9).
10 A problem for the art students' life class (5).
11 Time of Browning's 7 (5).
12 Dickensian member of flock lacking leader (4).
13 A joke taken the wrong way is fatuous (4).
15 Native is part retired—neat repairer (7).
17 Peg has gent worried (7).
18 City renewed row in church (7).
20 Body going into motoring prosecution ? (7).
21 Some anger shown by degrees ? (4).
22 A couple of pence, look (4).
23 They might be taken for tramps in Siberia, say (5).
26 Where one aims for the heights ? (5).
27 Consciousness of judgment being given about one (9).
28 Seeing a crane fly, you'll see this (5-4-4).

DOWN
1 Poor Nora Hunt is bred in old part of Scotland (14).
2 Young Lee back in river ? (5).
3 Tile Haig replaced in decoration of large stones (10).
4 Striking advice to boxer in Herts town (7).
5 Presents one of those Big Steamers ? (7).
6 Might be a tower back in the port (4).
7 Lasting love replaced a longing for the past (9).
8 Lack of a vital necessity in the bar, possibly—minor point (14).
14 Checking the dry-cleaner's repeat job ? (10).
16 Discussed terms with poet about change in age (9).
19 Report listeners in the cut grass (7).
20 Firm managed to give a dance (7).
24 Bond character in Hemingway, perhaps ? (5).
25 Self-advertising drink ? (4).

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